

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. NICHOLS

DATE: August 28, 1957

FROM : MR. BELMONT

SUBJECT: DIRECTOR'S BOOK  
"COMMUNISM IN THE UNITED STATES"

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

A couple of further comments on the book, as follows:

(1) In the footnote on page 13, we comment: "Here is cold-bloodedness at its worst!" I think this is unnecessary and tends toward sensationalism. The reader can draw his own conclusions without this comment. *changed*

(2) Page 187, last sentence. Such terms as "the utter depths of depravity, hate and subhuman venom" labor the point and tend toward sensationalism. The desired point can be made without resorting to sensational words. *VR 115*

(3) Page 138, second line from the bottom, there is a typo - "communst." *Previously corrected*

(4) Page 190, last line, last word - shouldn't this be "founder" instead of "flounder." *NO - OK 115*

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cc--Mr. Belmont

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*Chapter 5*

March 21, 1956

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Mr. Boardman	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Belmont	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Mason	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Mohr	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Mr. Holloman	<input type="checkbox"/>
Miss Gandy	<input type="checkbox"/>

MR. HOOVER:

*Yours letter of March 21*

In reference to your observation to the reference of Senator and Mrs. Thomas W. Hardwick on page 2, chapter 5, whose home figured in the bombings in Washington in June of 1919, I wish to advise that Hardwick was a United States Senator from 1914 to 1919. His term expired in March. He later became Governor of Georgia and served in this capacity from 1921 to 1923, and later became Special Assistant to the Attorney General and died in 1944.

He was General Counsel for the old McCormick Committee in 1934 investigating Nazi activities and he was active in the American Civil Liberties Union as a member of the Board of Directors in 1941.

In the hearings and accredited reports covering the bombings, Hardwick is referred to as "Senator Hardwick." I, accordingly, think that even though he had been out of office for a few months when the bombings occurred, that it is still proper to refer to him as Senator. Hardwick's biographical data appears in the Biographical Dictionary of American Congress, 1774-49, page 1266.

I was frankly very pleased when Mr. Holloman conveyed your inquiry because I was glad that you had read the chapter this encloses

*✓* L. B. NICHOLS *B*

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*OK.*  
*H.*

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Sizoo	_____
Mr. Winterrowd	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

MR. TOLSON:

We have checked the information which George Sokolsky furnished to the effect that Emma Goldman had returned to the United States and that he saw her at the Music Academy in Brooklyn.

The New York Times index reflects that she was given permission to return to the United States in 1934 on a 90-day visit and did lecture in New York City. In 1921, she left Russia as did Berkman. Goldman lived in Germany and England and finally came to Canada and received permission for a 90-day visit to the United States. During that period of time, she also allegedly visited Washington.

We are, accordingly, putting in a few lines in a footnote indicating that in 1934 she obtained permission for a 90-day visit to the United States where she delivered a series of lectures. In New York City she met George Sokolsky who was lecturing in an adjoining room and she told Sokolsky she wanted to die in the United States but she returned to Canada where she died in 1940.

You will recall that Berkman committed suicide in 1936 in Nice, France.

Respectfully,

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Mr. Tolson:

George Sokolsky has returned to me the first 6 chapters of the book with the notation "this is a good and thorough job but it looks awfully long." George has mentioned several times on the phone his enthusiasm for the book. He has made several minor observations on points to emphasize dealing with the early period of communism which were excellent. One is that Emma Goldman returned to the United States after being deported. He met her at the Music Academy in Brooklyn where by coincidence both were lecturing in different rooms. She told George she wanted to die in the United States. George told her he did not know how he could help her. She left shortly thereafter and died abroad. We are going to use this as a footnote.

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Mr. Holloman	<input type="checkbox"/>
Miss Gandy	<input type="checkbox"/>

Respectfully,

*L. B. Nichols*

L. B. Nichols

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*we should  
make sure  
of this*

*She never returned to the U.S.  
she tried to go as far as Canada  
where she died & became H.*

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: April 18, 1957

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

[redacted] is one of the top arthritic specialists in the country. He is at the Mayo Clinic and is a good friend of [redacted] wants to send him a copy of "The FBI Story." He has asked if the Director would autograph it to [redacted] I told [redacted] that the Director would be happy to do this and that after it had been done I would return the book to him. The book is attached.

Enclosure

*sent to  
Crown*

cc - Mr. Jones

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*Adopted as a  
 letter to [redacted]  
 C. [redacted] 4/19/57*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: September 26, 1957

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT:

Tolson ☒  
 Nichols ☒  
 Boardman ☐  
 Belmont ☐  
 Mohr ☐  
 Parsons ☐  
 Rosen ☐  
 Tamm ☐  
 Trotter ☐  
 Nease ☐  
 Tele. Room ☐  
 Holloman ☐  
 Gandy ☐

For record purposes, I had Fred Mullen read the new chapters of the book, namely, Chapters 8, 9, 18, 19, and the new ending, Chapter 24.

Mullen brought them back and stated they were excellent. He particularly liked the chapter on Negroes and the chapter on Jews, which he stated were not only well written but which did the job. He also liked the new ending very much.

cc-Mr. Jones

LBN:jmr

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 9/27/57

FROM : L. B. Nichols

Book - By J. Edgar Hoover

SUBJECT:

Communist in the United States

Tolson ☒  
 Nichols ☒  
 Boardman ☐  
 Belmont ☐  
 Mohr ☐  
 Parsons ☐  
 Rosen ☐  
 Tamm ☐  
 Trotter ☐  
 Nease ☐  
 Tele. Room ☐  
 Holloman ☐  
 Gandy ☐

Bill Nichols called. He had just read the first 18 chapters of the book which I had sent him. He stated that it is unbelievable what we have done in the past 3 weeks; that the book has an entirely different quality to it. It is far more exciting and in his opinion it has improved 100%.

He is really excited about the book and he wanted to extend his congratulations for the job that had been done. He stated that the book now is much more authentic by sharpening up of the incidents; that the new writing has improved the general character of the book and gives it a sense of urgency as well as a sense of maturity and stability. I told him he was very kind and that we would send him the remaining chapters today.

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~~cc - Mr. Jones~~

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 9/13/57

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

I am attaching hereto chapter 13 of the book.

Tolson ☒

Nichols ☒

Boardman ☐

Belmont ☐

Mohr ☐

Parsons ☐

Rosen ☐

Tamm ☐

Trotter ☐

Nease ☐

Tele. Room ☐

Holloman ☐

Gandy ☐

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 9/13/57

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

Tolson ☒  
 Nichols ☒  
 Boardman ☐  
 Belmont ☐  
 Mohr ☐  
 Parsons ☐  
 Rosen ☐  
 Tamm ☐  
 Trotter ☐  
 Nease ☐  
 Tele. Room ☐  
 Holloman ☐  
 Gandy ☐

I am attaching hereto the revised versions of chapters 10,  
 11 and 12 of the book.

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Mr. Nichols	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Trotter	
Mr. Nease	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

September 12, 1957

MR. TOLSON:

Re: COMMUNISM IN THE UNITED STATES

Attached hereto are Chapters 6, 7, and 8 of the revised version of the book.

L. B. NICHOLS

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: September 11, 1957

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

Tolson ☒

Nichols ☒

Boardman ☐

Belmont ☐

Mohr ☐

Parsons ☐

Rosen ☐

Tamm ☐

Trotter ☐

Nease ☐

Tele. Room ☐

Holloman ☐

Gandy ☐

I am attaching hereto the revised Foreword, which included the Director's one change, Part I, and the first five chapters of the book.

cc - Mr. Jones

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*This is very good*

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*OK*  
*J*

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Mr. Belmont	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Mohr	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Miss Gandy	<input type="checkbox"/>

Mr. Tolson:

September 20, 1957

I am attaching hereto Chapter 17 of the book. As a matter of interest with Chapter 17 we have a total of 286 pages whereas at this point including this chapter the original version we only had 231 pages. In addition, we are putting in two new chapters after Chapter 17.

I certainly hope that I can get the additional chapters written over the week end. Then we will only have two more to revise as the others are all in a state of either being documented or rechecked. If I can just have a little time in the next few days we should have this in shape by next week end. I meant to call Riggs today and tell him that we were being delayed, but I simply did not get around to it.

Respectfully,

*9.22*

*[Signature]*  
L. B. Nichols

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September 23, 1957

MR. TOLSON:

I am attaching hereto Chapter 19 of the book entitled, "Masters of Deceit." This chapter deals with communism and Jews. For the most part, material came out of the monograph, "Communism Vs. the Jewish People," although some anecdotal material was worked in of a supplementary nature. This has been gone over with Mr. Sullivan and his suggestions have been included.

Respectfully,

✓ *[Signature]*  
L. B. NICHOLS

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Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Boardman	_____
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Mr. Parsons	_____
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Mr. Nease	_____
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Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____
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September 25, 1957

MR. TOLSON:

I am attaching hereto Chapter 24 of the book entitled, "How To Stay Free." This is the concluding chapter. We have revised it considerably to give it more scope, to summarize much of the material we have covered in the book, and to give more practical suggestions as to what to do.

*approved by Mullen.  
Read by Whitehead  
who thinks it is  
excellent*

Respectfully,

*[Signature]*  
L. B. NICHOLS

cc-Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. W. C. Sullivan  
Mr. Jones

*OK*  
*[Signature]*

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Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Trotter	
Mr. Nease	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

Mr. Tolson:

September 25, 1957

I am attaching hereto Chapters 21, 22 and 23 of the book. This now completes the revision with those chapters which heretofore have been submitted. We need, of course, to document Chapter 24 which I gave you earlier in the evening. We are now rechecking the old manuscript and any changes we make from now on will be in the nature of polishing, cutting out duplications and I do not see any necessity for these to be brought to your attention at this time.

I have also sent the first 18 chapters to Bill Nichols who has been ill since he returned from Europe. I hope that by Friday we will have the major part of the production done. I think it will then be advisable to send two copies of the manuscript to New York for Ed Riggs and Harry Shaw with the suggestion that they go over the manuscript and then arrange for them to come to Washington at some convenient time, possibly week after next or the latter part of next week. The publishers will need approximately one week for what they call styling, fitting into shape and etc. As a matter of fact, the publishers will have to count every word in the book in order to figure out how many number of pages they will need for the book and the size of the pages and etc.

I think the thing to do is to take one step at a time so that the next step will be to send two copies of the manuscript by hand to New York for Riggs and Shaw.

Respectfully,

L. B. Nichols

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 9/24/57

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

I am attaching hereto Chapter 20 of the book entitled,  
 "How the Underground Works," which is now in final form.

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
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cc - Mr. Jones

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Mr. Holloman	<input type="checkbox"/>
Miss Gandy	<input type="checkbox"/>
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September 24, 1957

MR. TOLSON:

I am attaching hereto Chapter 18 entitled, "Communism and Minorities." As you will recall, we started to make this chapter all-inclusive and include communism and the Jews but it got out of hand as there was simply too much material. Chapter 19, which I have already sent you, deals with the Jewish question.

Respectfully,

*Mullen should review the new chapters*

L. B. NICHOLS

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 9/19/57

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

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 Nichols ☒  
 Boardman ☐  
 Belmont ☐  
 Mohr ☐  
 Parsons ☐  
 Rosen ☐  
 Tamm ☐  
 Trotter ☐  
 Nease ☐  
 Tele. Room ☐  
 Holloman ☐  
 Gandy ☐

I am attaching hereto chapters 15 and 16 of the book, which are in final shape. I have not been able to do a thing for the last three days and I must have the time to work on it or it will be necessary for me to go on leave in order to get this in shape.

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9-19-57

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 9/13/57

FROM : L. B. Nichols ✓

SUBJECT:

I am attaching hereto the appendix for the book. It consists of a glossary, bibliography, which is limited to a few communist classics, a chronology of important dates and development of communism. You have not seen this heretofore. Both Ed Riggs and Harry Shaw of Henry Holt were most enthusiastic about the glossary and were very high in their praise pertaining to it.

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Mr. Trotter	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Nease	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tele. Room	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Holloman	<input type="checkbox"/>
Miss Gandy	<input type="checkbox"/>

MR. TOLSON:

I am attaching hereto Chapter 9 of the book. This is a new chapter although we had brief references to it in the old version. I am also attaching hereto Chapter 14. With these two chapters, you have now seen everything up to and including Chapter 14.

Respectfully,

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L. B. NICHOLS

*P147 - Say article  
appeared in  
The West  
magazine*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: October 2, 1957

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT: Communism in the U.S. - ET al.

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

For record purposes, I am attaching hereto the various memoranda of transmittal of the chapters of the Director's book showing the approvals. The attachments should be considered as a part of this serial by the Records Section and should be kept together.

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 cc-Mr. Jones  
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 10 to Mr. Parsons  
 10 to Mr. Rosen  
 10 to Mr. Tamm  
 10 to Mr. Trotter  
 10 to Mr. Nease  
 10 to Mr. Tele. Room  
 10 to Mr. Holloman  
 10 to Mr. Gandy  
 OCT 22 1957

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: October 2, 1957

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT:

COMMUNISM IN THE UNITED STATES

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

I am attaching hereto for record purposes Fred Mullen's memorandum of August 1 approving the book, along with the communications of George Sokolsky and Don Whitehead, whose suggestions have been carried out as far as possible, as well as a communication from Bill Nichols dated July 23 and one from Harry Shaw of Henry Holt and Company dated September 4.

ENCLOSURE

SEE SERIALS 6,7,8

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Enclosures  
 cc-Mr. Jones  
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Editor In Chief

September 4, 1957

Mr. Louis B. Nichols  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Lou:

It was pleasant to talk with you today. Let me tell you once again how happy I am to be associated with you and to look forward to a number of meetings. I am delighted that you are immediately going to take some time off and that in two weeks or less we can look forward to a revised manuscript. Mr. Rigg and I are delighted that you generally approve of our suggestions, and we feel more than confident that the resulting book will do much good. Of course I stand ready to spend a day or two with you at the proper time.

At Ed's request, I am returning the second version of the foreword. Both he and I favor the first version, but it does seem that a combination might be even more effective. The first half of page 1 of the "new" foreword appears somewhere in the manuscript itself, but I suggest that we might start the foreword "I remember very distinctly..." down through "...our Western civilization". These 18 lines would then be followed by the original foreword after deleting the first paragraph.

I rather favor this suggestion and hope that you will consider it. The "new" foreword is attached.

Both Ed and I like the original arrangement in its broad outlines, but I think that you may have a good idea in suggesting a brief case history to start off the book. This would certainly entice the reader's interest and lead him on. I can also see your point about following this with the beginnings of Communism in the United States, although I am not certain that this would be any more effective than the present arrangement. Ed probably pointed out to you that in the present version we thought chapters 7 and 8 should precede Chapters 4, 5, and 6. In short, I do think a punchy opening chapter would help, but I believe that the reader would be hooked even if the chapters in Part II, as presently constituted, followed immediately.

I suggest that you call me after you get going, or that you let me know and I will call you.

With cordial good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harry Shaw

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WILLIAM I. NICHOLS  
EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

July 23, 1957

Dear Lou:

I'm sending the original of this letter to Washington, and also a carbon to London, in order to relieve by that much the pile of things waiting for you on your return. I find I have many things to say:

1. First, it was a real joy to see you again. As a byproduct of your visit, I later reviewed our correspondence file for those busy times in 1954 and 1955. It reminded me of how closely we were working then and it seemed good to be back in touch with you again. Marie The and I greatly enjoyed our visit with you and I have pondered a lot since then about some of the personal things we talked about. I have a few further thoughts in that area for our next meeting.

2. Second, over the weekend, I gave a rapid reading to the revised manuscript of "Communism in the United States". It was delightful to see how well it stands up. And, to the extent that updating has been done, the book seems actually strengthened by the various references to Geneva, Stalin's "downgrading," Hungary, Krushev, etc.

3. However, one place where I think we could still stand a bit more updating is in the introduction at the ends of Paragraph 1 and 3. Here I would like to see some good strong sentences (maybe lifted from Krushev's recent talks in Prague), to show that the Communist menace under Krushev is just as strong as it ever was under Stalin (Cf. The Krushev quote in Time, July 22, 1957 page 22: "What will the policy be like? ... We will do the same, but with more emphasis.")\* I think this is important, Lou, for rightly or wrongly, many people, since 1954, have become indifferent or complacent about Communism. Unless they can be jarred out of this attitude, it is bound to affect both the sale of the book and the spirit in which it is read.

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4. Another thing which will deserve careful review when we get to the final editing stages will be the handling of the

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\* I'm tracking down some other, better quotes.

dramatic incidents. I am delighted that so many of these have been left in the manuscript and, since the book is aimed at students, workers, etc, it is desirable to do everything possible to give action and drama to the text. But in our review we should consider these two points:

(a) Style. Our original thought in 1954 was to set these incidents in italics, so that they would jump out and enliven the text but also not interrupt the general flow of the argument. Now I notice that the incidents are inset in the early chapters, but then later on simply run into the body of the text without any typographic emphasis. I still think that some kind of typographic device, either inset or italics, is desirable to give variety and interest to the book.

(b) Tone. Here I think we want to remind ourselves of the mood in which the book will be read. As stated above, many people are now less agitated about the problem than formerly, so we must be sure that descriptions and dialogues do not seem to them over dramatized or too theatrical. Incidents should be dramatic, of course, but I believe they will be stronger if they are understated. I have no specific cases in mind at the moment, except the Question and Answer routine on pages 255-57, but later on I would like to review this aspect carefully.

That's all for now. And even at that, I apologize for a long letter. As you know, I'll be leaving for several weeks in Europe on August 14, but I could come to Washington prior to that time if it seemed desirable. In any event I'll stand by with interest for word from you as to the next move.

I am also very much interested in the idea of a "Reader" project and am doing something on that. But it's probably best to take these matters up one at a time.

Thanks for everything and all my best.

Sincerely yours,

*Bill*  
William I. Nichols

Mr. Louis B. Nichols  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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August 30, 1957

Mr. Louis B. Nichols  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Lou:

I have very carefully read the attached manuscript. It reads too fast. The American public can no longer be divided into laborers and college students. Most Americans go to high school. Most labor leaders are fairly educated men, at least literate.

This book is written in two styles: one style talks right down to the people; the other part is scholarly. This runs through many chapters and makes for irregularity of style.

I believe that this book requires more specific citations and quotations with names, dates and places. It needs plenty of references. To quote a sentence, within actual quotation marks, without a reference to a source is wrong and will hurt the book. It will certainly make it difficult for anyone to use this book in a debate as a reference. Who said it — Lenin or Hoover?

I think, therefore, that an editorial job needs to be done on this book before it is published to make it fully worthy of the Director's reputation as a leading authority on this subject.

Incidentally, I have made some marginal notes.

Faithfully yours,

George E. Sokolsky

GES:HP

Enc. (Manuscript -

"Communism in the United States")

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Louis B. Nichols, Assistant to the Director, FBI DATE: August 1, 1957

FROM : G. Frederick Mullen, Director of Public InformationSUBJECT: "Communism In The United States"*FREDERICK MULLEN*

I have read the manuscript of Mr. Hoover's book and am quite impressed by its clarity and the thoroughness of treatment. I hope it will be published at the earliest possible date because it will fulfill an urgent need for a good textbook for use in our elementary and high schools, as well as in our colleges.

I have made no attempt to edit for punctuation but do note that in places our policy of not capitalizing the words communist, communism, etc., has not been followed. I would assume this is because various typists were working on the manuscript and I am sure you would like to put it in lower case in every instance.

*changed*

I note in the footnote at the bottom of page 276 you say that Novikov was also indicted. He was named a co-conspirator but was not indicted because of his diplomatic status, and instead was forced to leave this country when the State Department declared him persona non grata.

I have no other suggestions or recommendations except to get it to the printer as quickly as possible. It is a great piece of work.

*Ored*

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DON WHITEHEAD  
Bureau Chief

WASHINGTON BUREAU  
National Press Building  
Washington 4, D. C.

Sept. 3, 1957

Mr. L. B. Nichols,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Lou:

*COMMUNISM IN THE UNITED STATES*

Without doubt, Mr. Hoover has produced a book of major importance for an understanding of the workings of Communism at home and abroad. It has a compelling quality to it--and the further you read the more you want to read.

There are relatively minor improvements that could be made, I believe, along the following lines:

1. Open the book with a chapter that has a narrative appeal, such as Chapter 17 or one of the others like it. This would be using the same technique we used in The FBI Story to lead the reader into the book--and once he's into it, he'll read it.

2. Place the second chapter--the discussion of dialectics--further back into the book. It is heavy going to hit this part of the book so early. It could come later and perhaps would be even more effective since the reader then would have the benefit of some knowledge on the workings of communists and communism.

3. Spell out a bit more why the American communists are so loyal to Moscow and to Russia--emphasizing that there can't be independence of action under the commy aim to change the world according to the gospel of Lenin and Marx.

4. Avoid the use of quotation marks around words and the exclamation points where possible.

5. I agree that wherever the anecdotes can be expanded, it helps make the reading more interesting and gives action to the telling.

6. Give a definition of such words as "secular."

Most of these suggestions, I'm sure, will prove to be merely a matter of editing and re-arranging such as that which helped organize The FBI Story to better advantage.

If I can be of further help, let me know.

Sincerely,

Don Whitehead

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Communism in the United States

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: August 20, 1957

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF THE DIRECTOR'S BOOK  
"COMMUNISM IN THE UNITED STATES"

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Nichols	_____
Boardman	_____
Belmont	_____
Mohr	_____
Parsons	_____
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Tamm	_____
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Gandy	_____

Pursuant to your request, a review has been made of the book "Communism in the United States" which is scheduled to be sent to the publishers today.

This review of the book in final form reflects that the suggested changes made by the Internal Security Section during the course of the previous individual chapter reviews have been incorporated in the final document. This review has been confined to the book itself and no effort has been made to verify and double check the documentation.

OBSERVATIONS:

Our review of this book has prompted the following suggestions:

1. Page iii in the Forward the following sentence appears at the top of the page: "Party officials are shown organizing agitation campaigns, plotting sabotage, and rendering aid to Soviet espionage." It is believed that the statement plotting sabotage should be revised since it is not believed that this statement can be substantiated.
2. Page 2 in paragraph 1 the following statement is made: "A disciplined Party of nearly 20,000 hard core members is now at work, along with an estimated 200,000 fellow travelers, sympathizers, opportunists and dupes." This statement is considerably removed from the estimated Communist Party membership as of June 30, 1957, of 11,504 members which was based on the best information in the field offices. The practice of estimating the number of fellow travelers at 10 to 1 is extremely difficult to document.

1 - Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Stukenbroeker  
Mr. Baumgardner  
Mr. Bly

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont  
RE: REVIEW OF THE DIRECTOR'S BOOK  
"COMMUNISM IN THE UNITED STATES"

3. *Revised* Page 40 in the second paragraph the statement is made "Significantly, no country has ever gone communist by the free choice of election! Ballots and communism simply don't mix!" It is believed that it may be desirable to revise or modify this statement in light of the recent British Guiana elections and the surprising strength of communist voting in certain islands and countries.
4. *Changed* Page 86. It is believed that the following statement should be added to the third paragraph: "If such testimony becomes necessary." It is believed that this addition would tend to lessen the previous implied idea in the paragraph that each communist who breaks with the Party would be required to testify against the communist movement if his repentance is sincere. This suggested addition would, it is believed, help in the Bureau's current problem in getting ex-communists to furnish information to the FBI.
5. *Changed* Page 90 in paragraph 2 the statement is made "The communists of 1919 were a motley lot, vastly different from the highly disciplined, efficiently operating Party of today." It is suggested the last word today be changed to recent years since there are many who would disagree that the Party in its present disruptive state and factionist bickering is an efficiently operating Party today.
6. *Changed* Page 227 at the top of the page the statement is made "If a motion is to be made, who will present it? When? Early in the evening while the crowd is small?" The question is raised as to whether or not the small should be changed to the word large. If not, then some further explanation should be made as to why the crowd is small early in the evening.
7. *Changed* Page 282 in the last paragraph the statement is made "In fact, long-term preparation for possible sabotage is today being carried out in the underground." Since there is no documentation for this statement, it is not known on what it was based. We might have difficulty in substantially backing up this statement.
8. *Changed* Page 283 in the first paragraph the statement is made "Deep in the Party's underground the communists are today vigorously pursuing a program (called colonization),....." It is believed that we would have difficulty in backing up this statement since the colonization program has been carried out in recent years on a relatively small scale.

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont  
RE: REVIEW OF THE DIRECTOR'S BOOK  
"COMMUNISM IN THE UNITED STATES"

9. Page 320 in next-to-last line the statement is made "1948 July 3: Headquarters of Cominform prepared in Bucharest, Rumania." It is suggested that a later date in 1948 be utilized after the headquarters had become occupied.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this memorandum be routed to Mr. L. B. Nichols for appropriate consideration and action.

*HOB*  
ADDENDUM: HOB:rmw 8/21/57

*Stamps*  
In connection with important dates concerning the Cominform, we suggest that the statement in the book read, "1948 July: Headquarters of Cominform moved to Bucharest, Rumania." This can be substantiated by the fact that the June 15 issue of the official organ of the Cominform, "For a Lasting Peace, for a People's Democracy!" was published in Belgrade, Yugoslavia. The July 15, 1948, issue of "For a Lasting Peace, for a People's Democracy!" was published in Bucharest, Rumania.

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BLS*  
(1947 September Founding conference of Cominform held in Poland.  
1947 Later this year headquarters were formally established in Belgrade.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont *aut 10/1/57*

DATE: September 24, 1957

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner *10/1/57*SUBJECT: REVIEW OF THE DIRECTOR'S BOOK  
"COMMUNISM IN THE UNITED STATES"

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Pursuant to your request, a review has been made of the draft of the new Chapter 19 "Masters of Deceit" of the book "Communism in the United States." This review has been confined to the material in the chapter itself and no effort has been made to verify and double check the documentation since this is being handled as a separate assignment.

OBSERVATIONS:

Our review of this chapter has prompted the following suggestions:

The controversial nature of the subject matter in this chapter, namely the relationship between communism and the Jewish faith, is extremely delicate and will undoubtedly receive searching analysis by critics, particularly those seeking a basis for attack on the Director.

It is felt that the inclusion of a chapter on this subject matter is highly desirable in view of the unusually high percentage of individuals of Jewish extraction who are currently in leadership positions inside the Communist Party, USA, (CPUSA).

The main purpose of such a chapter is to settle, once and for all, that the communist movement is absolutely incompatible with the philosophy and traditions of the Jewish people and that those individuals of Jewish extraction who have joined the CPUSA are renegades and by such continuing membership are working toward the eventual complete destruction of the Jewish religion and culture.

The draft of Chapter 19 contains a number of excellent arguments supporting the above-desired objectives. However, it is believed certain changes in the format of the chapter would strengthen the over-all desired objective:

- 1 - Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Baumgardner
- Mr. Stukenbroeker
- Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- Mr. Cotter
- Mr. Bly

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont  
RE: REVIEW OF THE DIRECTOR'S BOOK

1. It is felt that the chapter could be shortened by eliminating certain explanatory and documentary details which, while pertinent to a lengthy discussion on the subject, are believed to be a bit too involved for an individual chapter of this nature, for example:
  - a. Page 2 is devoted chiefly to a commentary on Paul Novick and certain of his writings. While Novick is an important communist and his writings are pertinent, it is believed that this particular item could be condensed.
  - b. Pages 10, 11 and 12 go into considerable detail relative to the disintegration of Jewish education and cultural pursuits over the years inside the Soviet Union. It is believed that this entire point could be made by quoting from the report made by the five Jewish rabbis who traveled to Russia during 1956. In their report they stated "Under Stalin, every vestige of Jewish cultural and communal life was liquidated. To this day, there is still no Yiddish stage, newspaper or literature." (Page 6, pamphlet entitled "The Status of the Jews Behind the Iron Curtain.") "In all of Russia, we were told that there are at most only 100 rabbis, not one of whom is much below the age of 70. Most of those we met were closer to 80. The reason is simple. Not a single rabbi has been ordained or brought into the country for over 40 years." (Page 19, pamphlet entitled "The Status of the Jews Behind the Iron Curtain.")
2. The conclusion of the chapter, it is felt, could be bolstered by giving it a more positive approach, such as getting across the necessity for people of Jewish faith to become militantly anticommunist since the success of communism on a world-wide basis would be the death blow to Judaism and all Jewish traditions.
3. In addition to the above, certain penciled suggested changes have been made in the draft copy of the chapter.

ACTION:

It is recommended that this memorandum be routed to Mr. Nichols for appropriate consideration and action.

*H.B.  
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*see addendum next page*



Memorandum to Mr. Belmont  
RE: REVIEW OF THE DIRECTOR'S BOOK

ACTION: (Continued) J. A. Sizoo - 9-25-57

*I agree with the above observations that this chapter can be improved. I am inclined to think it is too lengthy and the detail tends to obscure the basic points being made.*

JAS:td

*auth* *gm*

9/26/57 - This chapter is not in keeping with the rest of the book as to presentation and style. I think it is too long and does not hang together to get across the basic thought in simple language. I seriously question whether it should be a separate chapter, singling out the Jews for special comment in an over-all treatise on communism. If it is to be treated of at all, it should be briefly and simply set forth as part of an existing chapter.

AHB

*AHB*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: September 26, 1957

FROM : L. B. NICHOLS

SUBJECT: CHAPTER 19 - "MASTERS OF DECEIT"

Tolson	✓
Nichols	✓
Boardman	—
Belmont	—
Mohr	—
Parsons	—
Rosen	—
Tamm	—
Trotter	—
Nease	—
Tele. Room	—
Holloman	—
Gandy	—

Mr. Baumgardner's memorandum of September 24, which is attached and which was prepared by Supervisor Herman Bly, suggests the shortening of the chapter by eliminating explanatory and documentary details, which he feels might be too involved for an individual chapter. He makes specific suggestions with reference to page 2, which refers to Paul Novick, probably the outstanding Jewish propagandist for communism; on pages 10, 11, and 12, where we go into considerable detail regarding the disintegration of Jewish education and cultural pursuits over the years inside the Soviet Union, that the entire point could be made by quoting from the report of the five rabbis who traveled in Russia during 1956; and that the conclusion should be bolstered by a positive approach getting across the necessity for the Jewish people to become militantly anticommunist.

With reference to my observations to Mr. Bly's comments, I desire to point out that this chapter is lengthy necessarily so to put in the evidentiary details. This is largely a condensation of the monograph which had such a splendid reaction. We need to emphasize the Soviet treatment of Jews in order to take advantage of the psychological effect of the concern presently in the Jewish community against the treatment of Jews in Russia. It is necessary, I believe, to put the evidence in. I had also hoped that this chapter later could be used as an article. It might possibly be widely distributed by the American Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith, or the Anti-Defamation League who in fact might, because of this chapter, really push the book.

With reference to Paul Novick, the major criticism leveled at the book is that it did not contain sufficient names or specific instances. Novick is a thoroughly safe person to comment on since he is the editor of the "Morning Freiheit," a communist Yiddish paper. He himself has been attacked by the Jews.

Enclosure

cc-Mr. Belmont

Mr. Baumgardner

Mr. W.C. Sullivan

Mr. Jones

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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson from L. B. Nichols  
Re: Chapter 19 - 'Masters of Deceit'

With reference to our failure to quote from the report of the five Jewish rabbis, this was deliberate. I, of course, knew of this report; in fact, I had read it. After all, this is our story and not the story of the five Jewish rabbis. What we have to say is supported by the report of the five Jewish rabbis. By leaving them out this gives Jewish organizations an opportunity to come along and say we supported the Jewish rabbis and their findings; in other words, they can be expected to support this chapter of the book.

With reference to the closing with an appeal to the Jewish people to become anticommunist, this would be too patently propagandist in my opinion. We make the point that the communists are against the Jews and this is the conclusion that the reader will inevitably come to and I think we weaken ourselves by making an appeal to Jews.

Mr. Sizoo stated that he agreed with Mr. Bly's observations and is inclined to think the chapter too lengthy and that the details tend to obscure the basic points being made. I talked to Sizoo. He thinks we have too much on the treatment of Jews in Russia. The chapter, I think, necessarily has to be long to include the evidence.

Mr. Belmont, in his addendum, states that the chapter is not in keeping with the rest of the book as to presentation and style, that it is too long, that it doesn't hang together to get across the basic thought, that he seriously questions whether there should be a separate chapter singling out Jews, and that if it is to be treated at all it should be in an existing chapter.

The style, of course, is no different than in numerous other chapters. The chapter is, of course, presented so that it can be lifted as an article. It is lengthy because it is necessary to cite the evidence. We do not single out the Jews as the preceding chapter deals with the Negroes and the chapter following this deals with religion generally.

I had Don Whitehead read Chapter 19 today. He thought it was excellent; that it hung together well; that he didn't think it was too long; that the evidence cited in there builds and makes a very solid case. He thought the chapter

Memorandum to Mr. Tolson from L. B. Nichols  
Re: Chapter 19 - "Masters of Deceit"

should stay. Mullen had a similar opinion. Although Mullen told me that the chapters got out of sequence on his desk and that as he was reading the chapter on Jews he wondered why they had been singled out, when he read the chapter on Negroes he thought this was excellent.

I have talked to Mr. Belmont further. His point is that he thinks this chapter is too obvious and that by singling out the Jews we draw too much attention to them. He further stated that he thought others might raise the question why pick out the Jews. He further thought that this chapter doesn't carry the simple message that the rest of the book carries and that it is out of place in its present form.

I, frankly, cannot agree with the above conclusions of the Domestic Intelligence Division. I do think, however, that we should send the two chapters on the Negroes and Jews to George Sokolsky and Irving Kaufman. I think we should leave them in the manuscript as submitted to the editors of Henry Holt and after the editors have gone over the matter and they do not make any comment, then I think we should raise the specific questions that have been raised by Messrs. Bly, Belmont, and Sizoo. Mr. Sullivan has gone over the chapter and he likes it.

*I agree with Nichols.  
of course, we should  
carefully consider  
any suggestions  
offered by Sokolsky,  
Irving Kaufman  
or William I. Nichols*

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*Nichols*  
*9/28*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 10/11/57

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: CHAPTER 19 - ~~COMMUNIST ATTACK ON JUDAISM~~  
FORMERLY ~~MASTERS OF DECEIT~~

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We still have pending the review of this chapter. George Sokolsky, Irving Kaufman and Bill Nichols all have now reviewed the chapter. All feel very definitely the chapter should go in the book. All were very praiseworthy of the chapter.

George Sokolsky made a few minor suggestions which consisted of adding a sentence or two which really was very good. George's comment was "This is very good. The effect is to make the CP anti-Semitic." Bill Nichols thinks very definitely the chapters are excellent and should go in as does Harry Shaw of Henry Holt.

We have now concluded everything in the revision, and prior to submitting it to you I am awaiting Harry Shaw's so-called styling and copy-editing, which is due here Friday night or Saturday. Once this is received and reviewed, the book will then be ready to go to press.

In connection with the chapter on the Jewish people, to head off any bigots from claiming that the Director whitewashes the Jews, I have inserted two quotes from the American Jewish League Against Communism as follows: The American Jewish League Against Communism, which is headed by the American Jewish patriot George E. Sokolsky, as early as 1948 stated that "Soviet Russia's million and a half Jews are the forgotten people of the world." The League lists among its proudest achievements that "...it was the first American organization to expose and document the communist anti-Jewish policies." (a)

I also did this for another reason. Last spring the American Jewish League Against Communism set out to buy 10,000 to 12,000 copies of "The FBI Story" to send to rabbis. I have now learned that they ended up by buying 30,000 copies which they sent to every rabbi in the United States and to the executive directors of all Jewish Community Centers. As a result,

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cc - Mr. Boardman

cc - Mr. Belmont

cc - Mr. Jones

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Memo to Mr. Tolson

they have strapped their treasury. I learned this quite by accident and not from George Sokolsky. [redacted] a prominent [redacted] [redacted] the American Jewish League Against Communism, told me this when he was in Washington a couple of days ago.

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I have no doubt that the League will probably want to give wide-spread dissemination to this book. I would also like to send [redacted] who is a very high type person, a copy of the chapter on the Jewish people. He may have some suggestions and even if he doesn't it will have a very good affect. He is the type of person who types his own memoranda and doesn't even let his wife see them.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

, 1957

TO:

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L. B. Nichols  
Room 5640, Ext. 691

October 16, 1957

*Sent Special Delivery  
to Nichols at:*

*25 Sutton Place  
New York 22, N.Y.*

Mr. William L. Nichols  
Editor and Publisher  
This Week Magazine  
485 Lexington Avenue  
New York 17, New York

Dear Bill:

I am enclosing a batch of your pages which, exclusive of the minor word changes and punctuation, now bring the book up to date.

We went over Harry's suggestions very carefully and took all but two or three which I, frankly, could not see, and we sent to Ed Rigg a corrected manuscript last night. I also returned Harry's copy with the corrections. The Director, in his letter to Ed Rigg, pointed out that there was no reason why they should not do whatever they had to do in order to get the book in production and get it set up in type.

The Director is not going to be able to see Rigg this week but undoubtedly will next week.

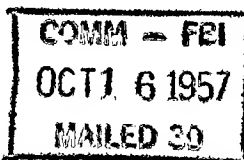
Harry stated they would now turn the book over to their production department and there might be some styling changes before it went to the printers. He said he would slip down here for a couple of hours to go over it.

I think, as of now, the big push is over. The next big job will be when we get the galley proofs and start work on the index.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

L. B. Nichols



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Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Rosen	
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Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

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room*

Mr. Tolson:

September 25, 1957

In Chapter 1 of the book on page 2, we use the figure 20,000 hard core members of the Party. We have since concluded we cannot use this figure because as of the end of June membership had dwindled to 11,500. Accordingly, I have come to the conclusion that we should give membership the full treatment.

I am attaching hereto the old page 2 with revisions and pages 2a, 2b and 2c which I think makes a distinct contribution to the book.

Respectfully,

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L. B. Nichols

Enclosure

cc - Mr. Boardman  
cc - Mr. Belmont  
cc - W. C. Sullivan  
cc - Mr. Jones

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*Handwritten notes in left margin:*  
The letter is dated 9/25/57  
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cc - Mr. Boardman  
cc - Mr. Belmont  
cc - W. C. Sullivan  
cc - Mr. Jones

a state power, has spread through roughly forty per cent of the world's  
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population and twenty-five per cent of the earth's surface. Some years ago the  
communists were complaining that their "fatherland," Soviet Russia, was  
encircled, a communist island in a "capitalist" sea. Today, the situation is  
changed. The world communist movement is on the march, into Germany, the  
Balkans, the Middle East, stretching across the plains of Asia into China,  
Korea and Indo-China. Communists have seldom won over a country by a free  
election, but they have never hesitated to shed blood if this would best serve  
their purposes. In a recent eighteen-month period, three anticommunist, pro-  
United States Latin American Chiefs of State were assassinated, the third by  
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one of his bodyguards, who was a communist. It is a matter of record that  
thousands of Party members in noncommunist countries are working for Moscow.  
They believe they are destined to conquer the world. "Whether you Western  
diplomats like it or not," Khrushchev has proclaimed, "history is on our side."  
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We will bury you."

This belief is held in the United States, too. A disciplined Party  
of hard-core fanatical members is now at work, with their fellow travelers,  
sympathizers, opportunists and dupes. Communists in our country, though  
small in numbers, do not feel lonely. They have faith in the "big red brother"  
who will come to their help. William Z. Foster's hope, a Red America, is  
today inspiring thousands of Party members and sympathizers to determined  
effort. They want to add America to Soviet Russia's list of conquests.

There has been a tendency in recent years to discount the  
menace of domestic communists solely because there has been a decline in

Party membership. In fact, some have gone so far as to say the "...party  
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...is almost over."

In 1922, when Communist Party membership reached 12,400, William Z. Foster said "...We no longer measure the importance of revolutionary organizations by size. In some places where there are only one or two men, more results are obtained than where they have larger  
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organizations...."

This has been the communist line down through the years. Foster in 1951 stated: "Communist strength.... cannot be measured even approximately by statistics.... The Communist Party strength runs far  
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beyond all formal measurements."

The Party's membership reached a low in 1930 when it had 7,500 members and a peak of 80,000 in 1944; its membership at 5-year intervals since then has been as follows: 1935-30,000; 1940-55,000 (a drop of 15,000 from 1939); 1945-64,600 (a drop of 13,400 from 1944); 1950-43,200; 1955-23,600; and by the summer of 1957 the membership had further declined. However, over the years it has been estimated by the communist leaders themselves that for every Party member ten others are ready, willing and able to  
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do the Party's work.

The fluctuations in the American Party parallel those in foreign countries. The record clearly establishes that Communist Parties have the power of swift and solid growth when the opportunity arises. The following figures reflect how Party membership can dwindle and then spurt as  
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reflected by the experience in individual countries:

In Italy, Party membership went from 6,000 in 1943 to 1,500,000 in 1951; in France, membership went from 20,000 in 1929 to 400,000 in 1956; in Syria, membership went from 250 in 1931 to 10,000 in 1956; in Brazil, membership went from 25,000 in late 1947 to 100,000 in 1956; and in Indonesia, membership went from 30,000 in 1953 to 500,000 in 1956.

When the Communist Party was at its peak in the United States it was stronger in numbers than the Soviet Party was at the time it seized power in Russia.

The size of the Party in the various Soviet Satellites at the time they came under Soviet control discloses how a well organized band of Revolutionaries can impose their rule over the majority population, as reflected by the following tabulation:

	<u>Date of Communist Takeover</u>	<u>CP Membership on that Date</u>	<u>Population on that Date</u>
USSR	October, 1917	80,000	142,579,000
BULGARIA	September, 1945	20,000	7,020,000
RUMANIA	March, 1945	800,000	16,409,000
POLAND	January, 1949	1,000,000	25,225,000
CZECHOSLOVAKIA	May, 1948	1,329,000	12,338,000
HUNGARY	August, 1947	750,000	9,383,000
ALBANIA	December, 1945	12,000	1,120,000
YUGOSLAVIA	Mid-1945	141,000	14,500,000

- 4a. New York Post editorial 9/11/57, which lampoons those who recognize communist menace.
- 4b. LBN memo 5/5/50 quoting p. 10, Boston transcript report of speech Foster made at Bridgman, Michigan, convention of CP. 12,400 figure from figure 1, Monograph of the CP, USA, 1919-1954.
- 4c. P. 385, William Z. Foster, Outline Political History of the Americas, International Publisher, NY 1951.
- 4d. Figures 1930 and 1950, above monograph, figure 1.  
Figures 1955, Director's testimony, p. 51 before House Subcommittee on Appropriations, 2/24/55. Summer, 1957, figures Mr. Belmont's memo 9/10/57. Figure as of 6/30/57 - 11,500.
- 4e. Compilation prepared by Central Research.
- 4f. Compilation prepared by Central Research.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN *SP 10-8-57*

DATE: September 27, 1957

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT *10-8-57*SUBJECT: REVIEW OF THE DIRECTOR'S BOOK,  
"COMMUNISM IN THE UNITED STATES"

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Pursuant to your request, a review has been made of pages 2, 2a, and 2b of Chapter I; and pages 388 to 396 of Chapter XXIV. This review has been confined to the book itself, and no effort has been made to verify or double-check the documentation since this is being handled as a separate assignment.

We have no suggested changes to make in this portion of the book. The review of Chapter XXIV completes our review of the entire book.

OBSERVATIONS:

We found the book, except for the few changes, deletions or modifications previously suggested, to be an excellent book on the complicated, widely-discussed, but little understood subject of communism. This book is long overdue, and should play a leading role in the free world's fight against its greatest enemy.

If this book is properly presented by the publishers, and thoroughly understood by the reviewers, it should be hailed as the first authentic guide and practical textbook ever written on the subject of communism. It is hoped that it will not be sensationally publicized and become "just another" anti-communist book.

It should be presented as a book to be carefully read by every American interested in the future of America and its democratic traditions. An appeal should be made to all parents to read the book, and they in turn will make sure that their children read it when they reach maturity. An appeal should be made to philanthropists, individuals in charge of endowment funds, and civic-minded organizations to underwrite the cost of placing copies of the book in every school and public library throughout the country. Finally, it is felt

- 1 - Mr. Nichols
- 1 - Mr. Boardman
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Stukenbroeker
- 1 - Mr. Bly

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Memorandum to Mr. Boardman  
RE: REVIEW OF THE DIRECTOR'S BOOK,  
"COMMUNISM IN THE UNITED STATES"

that the book should have tremendous acceptance abroad if translated into foreign languages. It should give individuals fighting communism in other countries, both inside and outside the iron curtain, much moral support as well as courage in carrying on their anticommunist work.

It is believed that this calm objective approach to the book will in the end result in much wider acceptance than a more sensational approach, which might quickly lose its momentum.

ACTION:

It is recommended that this memorandum be routed to Mr. L. B. Nichols for his information.

ADDENDUM: (Sizoo)

On page 2A the third complete paragraph reflects 1945 membership of "64,600" (a drop of 13,400 from 1944). The same paragraph reflects earlier that in 1944 party membership was 80,00; therefore, it would appear that the drop in membership should be 15,400.

On page 2B the second full paragraph contains the statement that when the Communist Party was at its peak in the U. S. it was stronger in number than the Soviet party at the time it seized power in Russia. Thereafter in the table on the bottom of that page, Communist Party membership in Russia at the time the communists took over is shown as 80,000 which is the same as peak Communist Party membership in the U. S. It is suggested that appropriate change be made in phraseology.

No. We have been through this before & Director has made this statement time & again.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: September 17, 1957

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: EDGAR TAYLOR RIGG  
PRESIDENT  
HENRY HOLT AND COMPANY, INC.  
NEW YORK CITY  
REQUEST TO SEE DIRECTOR, 9-23, 24, & 25-57

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 10/24/91 BY 9803 RDD/892  
# 304949

Your memorandum of 9-16-57 revealed that you called Ed Rigg, who had previously stated that he would like to come by and see the Director. You explained the pressing matters facing the Director at the moment and suggested that the visit be deferred until Mr. Rigg and Harry Shaw, Editor-in-Chief of Henry Holt and Company, come to Washington to go over the manuscript of the Director's book, "Communism in the United States." Mr. Rigg stated the early part of the week of 9-23-57 would be excellent for him, as he would be tied up in New York on 9-26 and 27. The following information has been ascertained concerning Mr. Rigg:

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Edgar Taylor Rigg is President and Director of Henry Holt and Company, 383 Madison Avenue, New York 17, New York. He was born in 1900 at Baltimore, Maryland, and resides at 23 Glen Washington Road, Bronxville 8, New York. (Poor's Register, current issue) The New York Office ascertained in 1953 that Rigg was formerly a Vice President of Standard & Poor's Corporation and was elected to the presidency of Henry Holt and Company on April 1, 1949. (94-41128-8)

INFORMATION IN BUREAU FILES:

Bufile 100-345150-9 reveals that the Director wrote Rigg in September, 1950, to thank him for Henry Holt and Company's having sent Mr. Hoover a copy of "Smersh," a book revealing operations behind the Iron Curtain and emphasizing the ruthless and brutal treatment of human beings in communist-controlled Europe.

There was no further information identifiable with Rigg located in Bufiles.

RECOMMENDATION:

That if the Director's schedule permits, he meet Mr. Rigg when he calls at the Bureau.

cc - Mr. Nichols

cc - Mr. Holloman

cc - Tour Room

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

DATE: October 31, 1957

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: *See memo in the UNITED STATES ✓*

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 Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

I spent practically the whole day, Monday, October 28, with Harry Shaw going over additional word changes that we had made in the book and going over the copy editing which, for the most part, consisted of the deletion of an article, a redundant phrase, a regrouping of words, and the styling of the manuscript. All word changes were included in my master copy which Mr. Stukenbroeker is now transferring to the Director's copy, a copy which will be maintained by Mr. Nease, and a copy maintained by him.

The next step is to set the manuscript up in galley proof form. In a conversation with Ed Rigg and Harry Shaw, the editor in chief, I told them this was perfectly proper and that the Director's recent letter envisioned they should go ahead on this basis. In due time they will furnish us with the schedule.

*OK* The thought occurs that it would be advantageous for me to keep my copy so that, if any problem comes up, I will have it for ready reference provided, of course, the Director would want me to do this. *OK*

In conversation with Ed Rigg, he stated he is still most anxious to see the Director; that he did not believe it would take more than a half-hour to work things out; that they had one inquiry and he wanted to make an announcement as soon as possible, coupled with the fact that Reader's Digest has asked him what Henry Holt has good coming up the first of the year and he wants to be in a position to tell them about the Director's book. *A*

*I can't do it until week of Nov. 11. H.*  
 The inquiry which Rigg had came from United Features Syndicate. I told Ed I knew how this came about; that in a recent conversation with [ ] we were discussing communism and I had mentioned on a confidential basis that the Director was doing the book; that these were good friends and would not cause any leak. I ran into [ ] Tuesday

cc - Mr. Holloman  
 cc - Mr. Jones

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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson

October 31, 1957

night and mentioned this to him. He had merely notified United Features Syndicate to be on the alert for an announcement.  was very much embarrassed over the inquiry.

Harry Shaw told me the book has now had a thorough processing in Henry Holt; that others in the organization were very high in their praise of the manuscript; and that there was less done to this manuscript than to any other he can remember.

Originally we had dated the foreword. Harry felt this was bad as it would date the book. I told him we would be perfectly agreeable although in a few places we had made reference to incidents which had occurred "this year." These are all being changed to 1957. I think this was an excellent idea.

The Holt editors preferred the Russian spelling on certain names which they had checked out. I told him this was agreeable. The names are:

Friedrich Engels rather than Frederick  
Mikhail rather than Michael  
Bukunin Ulyanov rather than Ulianov  
Dzhugashvili rather than Djugashvili Stalin  
Kerenski rather than Kerensky  
Giorgi rather than Georgi Demitroff

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In a discussion on the title, Harry Shaw stated they still were not in agreement but that the final decision could be deferred until the book is set up and page proofed. They agreed the title "Architects of Disaster" is by far the best title for an adult book; however, since they are hoping to get this book in the schools, they do not feel it is a good title for youngsters, and their preference at this time is "The Enemy Within, A Citizen's Guide in the War Against Communism." This was one of the approved titles on the list we had sent them.

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Henry Holt and Company, Inc. • PUBLISHERS

383 MADISON AVENUE...NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 18, 1957

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Edgar:

*Commission in the  
United States*

It was good to hear from you, and we are going right ahead with the book. The manuscript reads fine. This is a really important book, and I am mighty proud to be a part of it.

I will look forward to hearing from you, and can arrange to meet with you in Washington on short notice.

My best,

*Ed*  
Edgar T. Rigg

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: October 23, 1957

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: "COMMUNISM IN THE UNITED STATES"

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Nichols	✓
Boardman	✓
Belmont	✓
Mohr	✓
Parsons	✓
Rosen	✓
Tamm	✓
Trotter	✓
Nease	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Holloman	✓
Gandy	✓

In connection with the book project I wish to set forth the following brief resume of various people in the Bureau who have been of primary assistance.

1. Fern C. Stukenbroeker, assigned to the Crime Records Section has worked exceedingly hard on the book and did most of the first draft in 1954, which I later tried to work into final form and was subsequently worked over by Bill Nichols. Mr. Stukenbroeker did considerable of the revision work which I also worked over as did Bill Nichols. Stukenbroeker knows the most of the book and, when the galley proofs are received, he should have the responsibility of checking them with whatever assistance he needs. He should also have the responsibility for the preparation of the index. I think it would be well at this time to commend Stukenbroeker for his assistance.

2. William C. Sullivan, prior to our taking over the project, conducted considerable research which was later used as a basis in the preparation of the book. He has generously provided research material, offered his criticisms, and next to Stukenbroeker has rendered the greatest amount of service. I think he should now be commended for his assistance on the book.

3. Supervisor Herman Bly of the Domestic Intelligence Division was of considerable assistance in making suggestions, providing research material, and in reading the manuscript. He has been most enthusiastic in his assistance. I think he should be commended at this time.

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4. Supervisors Karl Brouse and Ralph Miles of the Domestic Intelligence Division, after we had completed the manuscript, conducted an independent check of all facts contained therein against original source. They did an excellent job and I think both should be commended.

5. Special Agent [ ] of the Crime Records Section did the first rechecking job of the manuscript against original source material for accuracy. His performance was excellent. I think he should now be commended.

6. There were others who assisted in the Crime Records Section, including Special Agents [ ] [ ] Gordon Malmfeldt, and [ ]. In addition, Mr. Jones carefully reviewed the manuscript and made several excellent suggestions. I think one letter should go to Jones for the assistance of the entire section.

7. [ ] of Crime Records has been assisting Mr. Stukenbroeker on this project since last April, checking files, getting material together, conducting research, and keeping track of exhibits and documentary material. Her work has been invaluable. I think she should be commended. She did an excellent job on the Whitehead book "The FBI Story," which stood her in good stead on this book.

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8. [ ] of the Crime Records Section rendered considerable assistance in the proofreading, sequencing of pages, and getting the mechanical details in order. I think she should be commended.

9. [ ] of the Bureau Library aided in running down pamphlets and books, public source material, and in securing books from the Department Library, as well as from the Congressional Library. I think she should be commended.

*all done*  
*11/8/57*

October 23, 1957

10. [ ] file clerk assigned to Publications Section of the Records Branch of the Division of Records and Communications, was most helpful in locating publications and public source material. I think she should be commended.

11. [ ] of the Mechanical Section ran the pages off on the Duplimat machines. He was most cooperative and did everything possible to turn out an excellent job promptly. I think he should be commended.

12. [ ] did most of the original typing. In fact she virtually typed the entire first draft. She also worked on the retyping of the pages revised. I think she should be commended.

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13. [ ] [ ] [ ]

[ ] and [ ] also did typing at various stages.

14. [ ] [ ] and [ ]

assisted in the proofreading from time to time and were most helpful.

15. In addition to letters of commendation for those whom I have recommended above, I would recommend that the names of all people set forth in this memorandum be designated to receive an autographed copy of the book once it is published. I think they should be among the first to receive autographed copies of the book.

16. In addition to the above, Messrs. Boardman and Belmont also read the manuscript. Mr. Belmont made several suggestions to me personally. I think it would be nice to send both of them a thank-you note, as well as an autographed copy of the book once it is published.

November 18, 1957

Mr. Edgar T. Rigg  
President  
Henry Holt and Company, Inc.  
383 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, New York

Dear Ed:

It was certainly fine to be able to see and talk with you this morning. I am indeed grateful to you for the interest which you are taking in the book on communism. IN THE UNITED STATES

I am attaching a copy of Public Law 670, 83rd Congress, designed to protect the name of the Federal Bureau of Investigation from commercial exploitation which I thought might be of interest to you.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,

Edgar

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TIME	2:30 PM
DATE	11-20-57
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON ✓

DATE: November 21, 1957

FROM : G. A. NEASE

Tolson ✓  
Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr ✓  
Nease ✓  
Parsons ✓  
Rosen ✓  
Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Clayton \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room ✓  
Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

SUBJECT:

\_\_\_\_\_ of the Washington Scripps-Howard office advised Mr. McGuire this morning that \_\_\_\_\_ of the New York Scripps-Howard office had received from the Henry Holt Company a release which will be put out next Monday, November 25, regarding the Director's new book, "Masters of Deceit," which will be published in 1958. The Scripps-Howard organization would like to have \_\_\_\_\_ prepare a profile-type story on the Director personally into which would be incorporated the data from the Henry Holt release regarding the publication of the book, which piece Scripps-Howard would like to use next Monday. \_\_\_\_\_ stated they felt it would be appropriate to handle the matter in this way inasmuch as Scripps-Howard felt it had been in the forefront for years in fighting communism and had supported the Director down through the years.

Accordingly, \_\_\_\_\_ stated while he has biographical data and the like on the Director and has a number of various items which the Director has either written or has stated in speeches about communism, he would like to get a fairly complete rundown on speeches and articles which the Director has given in which he has gone after the communists. He stated he had seen references to the Director's remarks before the refresher session of the National Academy earlier this month but had misplaced his copy and he would want to have the Director's complete remarks on that occasion also incorporated. Mr. McGuire told him we would be glad to get this together for him.

More particularly though, \_\_\_\_\_ stated he would like to have the opportunity to see the Director personally for a few minutes in connection with this piece, advising that he would not want to take up much of the Director's time but he felt it would be profitable for him in doing a profile story to ask the Director just how he feels about things in general, in law enforcement, in national security, and, particularly, as to the communist menace. \_\_\_\_\_ stated he would not need a photograph as they have a fairly recent picture of the Director which they would want to use with the piece. He was told that a check would be made with the Director and we would let him know if it was at all possible for the Director to see him. We will get the material together on the Director's articles and speeches right away and I do think it might be helpful if the Director can see \_\_\_\_\_ for a few minutes if he can work this into his schedule.

cc-Mr. Holloman

cc-Mr. Jones

JJM:jmr

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*I don't think this is the time for such an interview. He can of course be supplied articles & speeches*

*W. J. Jones*

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Variety, November 21, 1957

Jean Simmons has been signed by Warners to star "Home Before Dark," with Mervyn LeRoy drawing simultaneous assignment to both produce and direct filmization of the "Eileen Dassing novel." The Dassing novel had previously been on the production slate of H. Blanke at Warner Pictur

Mr. [ ]
Mr. [ ]
Mr. [ ]
Mr. [ ]
Mr. [ ]
Mr. [ ]
Tele. Room
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

"Dark" precedes "The FBI Story" on LeRoy's Warners schedule. Shift was made because of present inavailability of "Story" star James Stewart.

Gossip Column

Don DeFore reading the J. Edgar Hoover role in "The FBI Story."

Variety, November 26, 1957

While Mervyn LeRoy is busy completing the script of "The FBI Story," FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover has delivered his book "Masters of Deceit" for early 1958 publication by Holt.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 11/22/57

FROM : G. A. Nease

SUBJECT:

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 Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

With reference to my memorandum of November 21 concerning [ ] Scripps-Howard, and his request to see the Director in connection with a profile being written on the Director for use in connection with the Henry Holt Company press release due next Monday on the Director's book, Mr. McGuire talked to [ ] this morning. McGuire sent by special messenger a complete set of the Director's speeches on communism as well as his articles on communism.

[ ] advised this morning that Scripps-Howard would be interested in serialization rights to the book and Stuart was told to get in touch with [ ] of his New York office and inform him that such matters should be taken up directly with Ed Rigg of the Henry Holt Company. [ ] expressed appreciation and at the same time he was advised that the Director just could not work in any interview at this time, which [ ] stated he could understand perfectly. He said he had enough biographical material on the Director to do a good profile and was very appreciative of the material sent to him.

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cc - Mr. Holloman  
 cc - Mr. Jones

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November 22, 1957

Mr. Edgar T. Fligg  
President  
Henry Holt and Company, Inc.  
363 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, New York

Dear Ed:

I thought you might like to know that yesterday afternoon we received an inquiry from International News Service and this morning we also had an inquiry from Scripps-Howard regarding the interest of both of these organizations in securing serialization and syndication rights for the book, "Masters of Deceit." We answered both inquiries by suggesting contact be had directly with you concerning such matters and should we receive any additional inquiries along this line, we will respond to them in a similar manner.

With best wishes and kind regards,

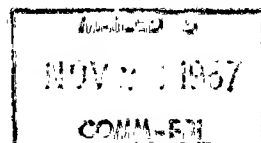
Sincerely,

cc-Mr. Jones

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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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# **NEWS**

**HENRY HOLT & COMPANY - 383 MADISON AVE., NEW YORK 17, N. Y.**

## **about BOOKS and AUTHORS**

Murray Hill 8-9100

FROM: Maureen McManus

For Release NOVEMBER 25, OR THEREAFTER

J. EDGAR HOOVER TO BE PUBLISHED BY HOLT

*Continued in 11/17/57*

New York, N. Y. November 25,...J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, has completed work on a new book, MASTERS OF DECEIT, the story of communism in America and how to fight it. It will be published by Henry Holt and Company early in 1958.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: August 28, 1957

FROM :

Executive Assistant to the Attorney General

SUBJECT:

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Boardman	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Parsons	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Winterrowd	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

*detached by Mr. Nichols*

I am returning herewith the revised copy of the manuscript "Communism in the United States", which you transmitted to the Attorney General on July 9, 1957. The manuscript has been reviewed in Mr. Rogers's office and has the approval of Mr. Rogers as acting Attorney General.

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November 25, 1957

*Handwritten:* [Illegible signature]  
[Illegible handwritten notes]

Mr. Edgar T. Rigg  
Henry Holt and Company, Inc.  
333 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, New York

Dear Ed:

In connection with "The FBI Story," we made an arrangement with Random House whereby they furnished us copies of the book at a reduced price to be purchased by our employees. They gave a price to us of \$2.97 per book and we sold the books to our employees for \$3.15 (the balance to cover postage.) Over 10,000 copies of "The FBI Story" were made available to our employees in this manner.

We were wondering whether some similar arrangement could be made so that we could make available copies of "Masters of Deceit" to our employees at a reduced rate.

I would appreciate receiving your views concerning this matter, with the thought in mind that we might announce in our employee publication on February first the availability of the new book to our personnel, with a view to ascertaining at that time the number of copies they might desire to purchase.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

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Mr. Edgar T. Rigg  
Henry Holt and Company, Inc.  
383 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, New York

Dear Ed:

The proposed book jacket and the color photograph which you forwarded with your letter of November 26 to Clyde Tolson are entirely satisfactory. I was particularly impressed with the proposed cover.

Pursuant to your request, this material is being returned to you today, under separate cover.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,

CT:DSS

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FBI

SENT FROM D. O.	
TIME	11:00
DATE	11-27-57
BY	[signature]

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- Boardman \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Nease \_\_\_\_\_
- Parsons \_\_\_\_\_
- Rosen \_\_\_\_\_
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- Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_
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- Holloman \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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383 MADISON AVENUE... NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 26, 1957

Mr. Clyde A. Tolson  
Room 5744  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Clyde: *Commission on the United States*

I would very much appreciate your and J. Edgar's reaction to this proposed book jacket. We are very fond of it, ourselves.

The color photo would appear on the rear of the jacket, in full color, of course. It would take up the full page, without any printed matter at all. We got this one direct from Karsh, and understand it has never been used.

It would be appreciated if you can send this material back to me as soon as possible, as we will want to use it at our national sales conference here in New York the week of December 9th.

Sincerely,

*EO*  
Edgar T. Rigg

Enclosure

*I think OK*  
*11/27*  
*fine cover & better photo than this week used*

*OK*  
*11/27/57*  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: December 3, 1957

FROM : G. A. NEASE

SUBJECT: LUKE CARROLL  
NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE  
"MASTERS OF DECEIT"

Tolson	✓
Boardman	_____
Belmont	_____
Mohr	_____
Nease	✓
Parsons	_____
Rosen	_____
Tamm	_____
Trotter	_____
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Holloman	_____
Gandy	_____

By reference from the Director's Office at 12:15 PM today, Wick talked on the telephone with Luke Carroll, News Editor of the New York Herald Tribune, calling from New York. Carroll said his people had seen Ed Rigg of ~~MA~~ Henry Holt and Company relative to newspaper syndication of "Masters of Deceit." This syndication would be handled in the same manner as the New York Herald Tribune handled President Eisenhower's and Prime Minister Churchill's books.

Mr. Carroll said that the newspaper syndication, of course, is but a partial syndication from the standpoint of text but would be printed in all papers purchasing it at the same time the book is released. Carroll said that his people simply can't "go to grips" with Ed Rigg. The Herald Tribune further sensed that Rigg believes the matter of syndication is a decision for Mr. Hoover to make and that he (Rigg) simply will not make it.

Carroll pointed out that time is of the essence since he understands publication is set for February, 1958. The time element is important said Carroll, since a massive condensation job must be done on the book and also a selling job to various newspapers. There is also the problem of selling it on a world-wide basis through the Herald Tribune syndicate which is all set up for just this type of thing with offices in Paris, London, etc.

Carroll pointed out the Herald Tribune would feel "mighty bad" if some other paper or outlet printed the syndication in New York City or other major cities since the New York Herald Tribune had long been in the FBI's camp.

Wick pointed out to Carroll, by arrangements between Mr. Rigg and Mr. Hoover, all matters of this type should be presented to Rigg who would in turn take them up with Mr. Hoover if he deemed it advisable.

cc - Mr. Holloman  
cc - Mr. Jones

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Memorandum to Mr. Tolson:

Carroll said he simply wanted the Director to know of his intense interest in "Masters of Deceit," his intention to spare nothing to obtain syndication regardless of price, that the Herald Tribune would meet any price other services would pay and even though Rigg would set a price which the Herald Tribune felt is too low, the Herald Tribune would increase that price of its own volition. In short, said Mr. Carroll, "we believe we can do the best job of syndication of anyone."

Carroll asked that his views be brought to Mr. Hoover's attention and Wick assured him they would be and suggested again that he follow through with Rigg setting forth his proposition to Rigg anew.

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Right. They  
must deal  
with Rigg

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absolutely right.

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Boardman	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tamm	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Mr. Clayton	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Holloman	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

December 4, 1957

MR. TOLSON:

Re: DIRECTOR'S BOOK  
 O "MASTERS OF DECEIT"

It is Mr. DeLoach's understanding that The American Legion is intensely interested in utilizing the captioned book as a textbook in all high schools throughout the United States. As you know, the Legion has undertaken a program to contact all high school principals relative to initiating a study of communism by senior classes in schools throughout the country.

[ ] Director of Public Relations, The American Legion, has contacted [ ] Chairman of the Legion's National Americanism Commission, relative to having [ ] get in touch with Ed Rigg of Henry Holt and Company. It may be that the Legion will have to wait until its next Americanism meeting to have the full authority to act upon this matter but there appears to be no doubt but that action will be taken in the very near future in this regard.

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Respectfully,

✓ *GA*  
 G. A. NEASE

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 cc-Mr. Jones

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*Letter to Mr Rigg  
 Henry Holt & Co  
 12/5/57*

December 5, 1957

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Mr. Edgar T. Rigg  
Henry Holt and Company, Inc.  
383 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, New York

Dear Ed:

I understand that The American Legion is interested in utilizing the book "Masters of Deceit" as a textbook in high schools throughout the United States. As you know the Legion has undertaken a program to contact all high school principals relative to initiating a study of communism by senior classes throughout the country. Mr. [ ] Chairman of the Legion's National Americanism Commission, doubtless will be in touch with you concerning this matter in the comparatively near future.

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With kind regards,

Sincerely,

/s/ [Signature]

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Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

LETTER FROM D. O.	
TIME	12:30 PM
DATE	12/12/57
BY	[Signature]

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nease

DATE: December 6, 1957

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: MASTERS OF DECEIT  
REVIEW OF GALLEY PROOFS

Tolson	✓
Nichols	✓
Boardman	✓
Belmont	✓
Mohr	✓
Parsons	✓
Rosen	✓
Tamm	✓
Trotter	✓
Nease	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Holloman	✓
Gandy	✓

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1/12/6

As you will recall, the first galley proofs received from Henry Holt and Company contained the textual material for Parts 1 through 14. We have carefully reviewed and proofread this material. Suggested changes, corrections and comments have been marked directly on the galley proofs.

No major changes have been made. Suggested changes have pertained chiefly to correcting misspelled words, improving clarity and strengthening sentence structure. In some instances we have inserted new, up-to-date material, for example a new schedule of dues payments for Party members, mention of the demotion of Marshal Zukov in Russia and the conviction of Col. Abel on espionage charges. Likewise, on occasions, we have cut some material from the text. This has occurred when the material seemed, upon careful reading, to be redundant.

The manuscript which we received from Holt obviously had not been previously proofed as we found a large number of misspellings, etc. In many instances, as you know, the publisher changed our original punctuation. We have attempted to follow Holt's styling, inserting or deleting punctuation only when we felt meaning and clarity would be best served.

We have closely coordinated all our suggested changes with the Domestic Intelligence Division. They have had occasion to see all such changes. The manuscript has also been read by Inspector William C. Sullivan of the Central Research Section.

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On galley 72, next to last paragraph, line one, at the request of the Domestic Intelligence Division, we have deleted the word "respected" in referring to the "Jewish Daily Forward." In galley 73, second line from the top, the word "respected" has again been eliminated in referring to Jewish organizations. On the same galley, paragraph 5, we have deleted the name of George Sokolsky, identified there as "the American Jewish patriot." The Domestic Intelligence Division felt that to mention Sokolosky in this connection, and not any other patriotic American who also is fighting communism, would not be fair.

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Jones to Nease memo

On galley 75, paragraph 3, we have deleted the words "The scholar" in describing Solomon M. Schwarz, economist and author whose material we used freely. Schwarz was chief of social insurance in Alexander Kerensky's provisional government in Russia just prior to Bolshevik revolution in 1917. Bufiles reflect he is a moderate socialist who believes that in the distant future, a socialist economic system will and should prevail in the United States. Associates describe him as a militant anti-Bolshevik.

On galley 84, paragraph 7, we have added information indicating the sentencing of Soviet spy, Col. Abel. We have also added a sentence indicating that a notice of appeal has been filed.

RECOMMENDATION:

That attached letter be forwarded to Ed Rigg, President, Henry Holt and Company, Inc., 383 Madison Avenue, New York 17, New York.

H.B.  
H.B.  
AV

gm

December 3, 1957

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Reverend Gerard Rooney, C. P.  
Literary Editor  
~~The Sign~~  
Monastery Place  
Union City, New Jersey

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Dear Father Rooney:

I was greatly encouraged by your kind letter of November 22, 1957, and I certainly appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing.

Your support and confidence mean a great deal to me, and I am grateful for your good words concerning my forthcoming book. I shall, of course, welcome your observations after you have had a chance to review it. I want you to know that any success and advancement made by the FBI under my administration could not have been possible without the aid of such loyal and staunch friends as yourself.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Reverend Rooney is on the Special Correspondents' List.

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*The Sign*  
National Catholic Magazine  
MONASTERY PLACE  
UNION CITY, N. J.

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Nease	✓
Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Winterrowd	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

November 22nd, 1957

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I received notice today from Henry Holt publishers that your new book, "MASTERS OF DECEIT" will be published early in 1958. Congratulations! This is just a word to tell you how happy we are that such a timely book is being published after being written by such an authoritative person as yourself. You can be sure we will give it a good review in our magazine which has a circulation of 400,000.

I'm always happy to receive the releases sent out by the Federal Bureau of Investigation particularly when they contain the Public Addresses given by yourself. I know you have your enemies but I'm sure the country at large holds you in universal esteem. Your deep common sense, your genuine love for the country, and the expert knowledge you have in your field cannot but help to have a heavy influence on public opinion. I thought I'd let you know how I felt about it.

Asking God to bless you and with every good wish, I remain

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Cordially yours,

Gerard Rooney

(Rev.) Gerard Rooney, C. Po DEC 10 1957  
Literary Editor

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Mr. Ed  
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December 4, 1957

Mr. Edgar T. Rigg  
Henry Holt and Company, Inc.  
303 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, New York

Dear Ed:

I thought you might be interested in the attached copy of a letter addressed to me on November 22, 1957 by Reverend Gerard Rooney, C. P., Literary Editor of The Sign, concerning the new book "Masters of Deceit."

I will arrange to send him an autographed copy of the book for his use in the preparation of the review.

Sincerely,

*/s/Edson*

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SENT FROM D. O.	
TIME	4.05 PM
DATE	12-4-57
BY	<i>[Signature]</i>

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December 6, 1957

Mr. Edgar T. Rigg  
Henry Holt and Company, Inc.  
383 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, New York

Dear Ed:

Many thanks for your kind note of  
December 5th.

I will be in touch with you early next  
year concerning the books to be autographed by  
Edgar, and I will, of course, send you a list of  
the names of such people (not including FBI  
personnel.)

I agree that it would be effective if  
we attached a memo as you suggested, pointing  
out that the books are autographed and are being  
sent at the instance of Mr. Hoover.

Sincerely,

P. S. The galley proofs will be delivered  
to your office tomorrow morning, if your  
office is open, and, if not, the first thing  
Monday morning.

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December 6, 1957

Mr. Edgar T. Rigg  
President  
Henry Holt and Company, Inc.  
383 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, New York

Dear Ed:

The galley proofs are being returned  
herewith. You will note our suggested changes.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

*Clyde*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: December 5, 1957

FROM : SAC, Cincinnati

SUBJECT: "MASTERS OF DECEIT"

I happened to be on business at "The Cincinnati Post" with Editor DICK THORNBURG when wire dispatch arrived concerning the Director's forthcoming book. DICK THORNBURG permitted me to read the wire dispatch and he commented that it was too bad the Director's book will not be available prior to Christmas, for he is confident that many copies of it would be given out as Christmas presents. He stated he is looking forward to seeing the book and feels that it will be eagerly received by the public.

Similar comments indicating anticipation of the book have been received from other solid citizens of this area.

It is hoped that the FBIRA will make early purchase possible.

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Trotter	
Mr. Clayton	
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Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

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December 3, 1957

PERSONAL

Mr. Edgar T. Bigg  
President  
Henry Holt and Company, Inc.  
303 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, New York

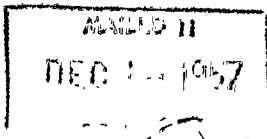
Dear Ed:

It occurred to me that you might like  
to see the enclosed column which appeared in the New  
York World-Telegram and Sun on November 25. I  
thought it was an interesting analysis.

Sincerely,

*Edgar*

Enclosure



cc - Mr. Tolson, with copy of enclosure.

cc - Mr. Nease, with copy of enclosure.

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# ~~FBI~~ Chief Issues ~~New~~ Red Alert

**By ROGER STUART,**  
*World-Telegram Staff Writer.*

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—Is there still a "clear and present danger" in the machinations of Communists here in the United States?

J. Edgar Hoover says emphatically there is. And the chief G-man, who knows better than anyone the insidious ramifications of Communist subversion, lays bare the complex tale of this plague in "Masters of Deceit," scheduled for publication in 1958.

Twenty years ago, the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation wrote his first book. Called "Persons in Hiding," it told how the FBI had smashed notorious gangs and rounded up innumerable "public enemies" of that strangely lawless era between two world wars.

**Second Book Due.**

Now his byline is to appear on a second volume. Both Mr. Hoover and the FBI, whose skillful operations he has supervised for nearly 34 years, have grown enormously in prestige during the two-decade interval since the first book was written.

But of greater significance is the altered world which will greet his new volume. Indeed, it's in consequence of gravely menacing developments, together with the inescapable challenge thereby posed to the free world, that the FBI director's book has been planned.

"It is unfortunate but true," he warned only the other day, "that the propaganda machine of the Communist party has lulled large segments of our



**J. EDGAR HOOVER.**

people into a false sense of security. It has worked day and night to spread the illusion that it has declared its independence of Moscow. The Communist party remains the tool of a foreign power, fanatically dedicated to Godless communism."

### Highly Disciplined.

Even while the party in this country seeks to spread the notion that factionalism is rife within it, according to Mr. Hoover, the truth is that it's a highly disciplined organization, currently consolidating its position under new leadership, which is "more stern and undeviating in its Soviet loyalty."

Aware of new Communist efforts to infiltrate areas heretofore untouched—plus intensification of propaganda campaigns among industrial workers, teen-agers, church groups, and civic organizations. “—the G-men are “ready to

shoulder added burdens," their share with his countrymen on boss says. this subject. Among them;

'But that, he holds, isn't enough. There are limits to the resources of law-enforcement agencies. Without additional public support, the goal of security for the nation easily could fall short of achievement.

### An Aroused Public.

Only an aroused public, cognizant alike of the danger and of the problems involved in meeting it, can assure essential corrective action.

Mr. Hoover's urgent desire is for American citizens to understand—and profit by—such stern truths as these:

● Communism is a scourge that has neither weakened nor changed its philosophy; it is as hypocritical as ever, as devoted to destroying the American concept of freedom as ever.

● At this instant, Communists are endeavoring to sow division and disunity among U.S. citizens, to pit race against race, group against group.

## Esplionage Continues.

● Soviet-directed espionage aimed at securing our military, scientific and industrial secrets continues unabated.

● The subversive movement always has presented a far more deadly menace than the CP membership figure would indicate—and it is still so.

Equally concerned, meanwhile, with "the worst wave of lawlessness ever" to confront this nation—particularly its "shameful, expanding juvenile crime picture" — Mr. Hoover has very definite views to

New York World-Telegram and Sun  
November 25, 1957

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR

DATE: 12/5/57

FROM : CLYDE TOLSON ✓

SUBJECT:

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 Boardman ✓  
 Belmont ✓  
 Mohr ✓  
 Nease ✓  
 Parsons ✓  
 Rosen ✓  
 Tamm ✓  
 Trotter ✓  
 Clayton ✓  
 Tele. Room ✓  
 Holloman ✓  
 Gandy ✓

In connection with the book "Masters of Deceit" which will be available late in February or early in March, I have arranged with Mr. Edgar T. Rigg, of Henry Holt and Company, whereby a special price will be made available for copies of the book to our employees in lots of 1000 copies. Mr. Rigg will give us a discount of 46% or \$2.70 a copy. We will have to bear the cost of mailing and postage.

I would like to recommend that we prepare an appropriate notice in the February first Investigator calling the attention of our employees to this book and the fact that arrangements have been made whereby they can buy copies similar to purchases of "The FBI Story" at \$2.95 per copy ("The FBI Story" was sold to the employees for \$3.15 per copy.) This will give us a lee-way of 25¢ a book to cover the cost of mailing and postage, which is ample. If there is any excess money from such handling, it would, of course, be used to purchase books for Bureau contacts and friends.

*The retail price of the book is \$5.00*

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Proposed Copy for Book Catalog

J. Edgar Hoover  
MASTERS OF DECEIT  
The Story of Communism in  
America and How to Fight It

The Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation explains communism -- what it is, how it works, what its aims are, and what loyal American citizens need to know to combat it. This is an informative and powerful book -- a firsthand account of American communism from its beginnings to the present, written by a man more intimately familiar with the complete story than any other American.

Mr. Hoover shows the day-to-day operations of the Communist party, U. S. A.; how a communist meeting is conducted; how party officials live; what goes on underground; how discipline is enforced. And the picture he provides of what life in this country would be under communism (toward which thousands of people are working now) is startling and shocking.

The author traces the careers of Marx, Lenin, and Stalin in three cogent chapters which evaluate their contributions to communism; he proceeds to reveal the communist appeal in the United States: who are the communists, what they claim, why people become communists and why some break away. Life within the party is described, as well as communist strategy and tactics, its methods of mass agitation and infiltration, espionage and sabotage. The book reveals the little known facts about what communism has done with minorities.

Hundreds of illustrative incidents and anecdotes clarify the forceful, driving message of this book. A valuable glossary provides clear definitions of major communist terms; appendices give key dates in the lives of the communist

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"big four" and of communism here and in Russia; a list of international communist organizations and publications, and an index of person and place names.

MASTERS OF DECEIT concretely outlines just what you can do to combat the frightful menace which the evil, false "religion" of communism presents to the safety and security of this country, now.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nease *gm*

DATE: December 10, 1957

FROM : Mr. A. Jones *gm*SUBJECT: THE INVESTIGATOR  
FEBRUARY, 1958, ISSUE  
ANNOUNCEMENT OF DIRECTOR'S  
FORTHCOMING BOOK

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Gandy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

We have planned to run an announcement of the Director's book, "Masters of Deceit," in the February issue of The Investigator. In that connection, Mr. Tolson noted on his memorandum of December 5, 1957, "Let me see proposed notice for Investigator."

Attached is the text of our proposed notice. We are planning on a 2-page spread which will feature this text, a photograph of the Director and some art work, either drawn or photographed.

RECOMMENDATION:

That any desired changes be indicated on the attached text and it be returned to Crime Records for further processing.

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photograph & art work  
are unnecessary.*

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## MASTERS OF DECEIT

Director J. Edgar Hoover's  
New Book on Communism

Toward the end of this month or early in March; a new book authored by Director Hoover will be released by Henry Holt and Company, New York, publishers. Entitled "Masters of Deceit," the book is the story of communism in America.

It is generally agreed that there has long been a real need for a definitive, authoritative account of communism in the United States. As a man more intimately familiar with all the vicious and the more subtle facets of this immense evil than any other American, Mr. Hoover has presented a firsthand account of the communists and their dream of world conquest.

"Masters of Deceit" is divided into seven major parts, the headings of which are revealing and descriptive of the contents.

The first part, "Who is Your Enemy?" serves to introduce the reader to the basic aims and ideals of international communism -- the communist dream of a communist America, where your grandchildren would live their lives solely for the "dictatorship of the proletariat" and where the Constitution and all it stands for would cease to exist. Part 2, "How Communism Began," consists of five chapters -- three devoted to tracing the rise of communism abroad through the lives and contributions of Marx, Lenin and Stalin, and two describing the origin and growth of the Communist Party in America.

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Part 3, "The Communist Appeal in the United States," tells who the communists are, what they claim to represent (and what they really represent), why people join the Party, and why they break away from the Party.

The fourth part depicts "Life in the Party," showing how the party is organized, how the members live their daily lives (in both underground and above-ground Party work), how they are disciplined, how the Party seeks to create revolutionary "communist man." ¶ The next part, "The Communist Trojan Horse in Action," portrays the strategy and tactics of the communists in their attempts to influence outsiders -- the massive fabrication of lies and half-truths through which they seek to impose their immoral, materialistic philosophy ~~of~~ free peoples -- their treacherous, insidious efforts to infiltrate the religious, political, social and industrial life of the Nation.

Part 6 of "Masters of Deceit" is entitled "The Communist Underground." It shows how the underground works, its goals of sabotage and espionage, and the fanatical dedication of its members to the ultimate Soviet aim of complete world domination. ¶ Part 7, the conclusion, is a clear discussion of the anti~~r~~religious nature of the communist conspiracy and its tactics in the war for men's immortal souls. This part also outlines clearly what each individual citizen can do to combat the enormous evil of Marxist-Leninist communism which threatens the safety and security of the Nation.

Mr. Hoover has also included in his book a valuable glossary of major communist terms, as well as a list of international communist organizations and publications and an index of persons and place names.

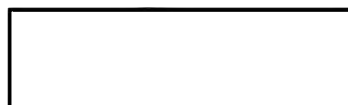
Copies of "Masters of Deceit" will be available to Bureau employees at a very special rate. Your SAC or <sup>a representative</sup> ~~someone~~ designated by him will advise you how and when the book can be obtained.

This will be  
supplemented  
by an SAC  
letter on  
February 1st

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1650 BROADWAY  
NEW YORK 19, N. Y.

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*Ask Jett  
d. Jones*

J. Edgar Hoover's "Masters of Deceit" is a certain best-seller...It is not the FBI chief's first book. He penned "Persons in Hiding" in 1938.... (Holt will publish his new one early in '58)....

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. Boardman \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease ✓  
Mr. Parsons ✓  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Jones ✓  
Mr. Clayton ✓  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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From Walter Winchell

Walter Winchell

December 11, 1957

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Mr. Edgar T. Rigg  
President  
Henry Holt and Company, Inc.  
383 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, New York

Dear Ed:

I received your letter of December 10, 1957, and, as you requested, am enclosing copies of Mr. Hoover's signature for use in "Masters of Deceit."

In addition, I am returning the manuscript for Parts I through VII of the book. When we return the remaining galley proofs at the end of the week, we will enclose the corresponding part of the manuscript.

Sincerely,

*Clyde Tolson*

Clyde Tolson

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Note: See Jones to Nease memorandum dated 12-11-57 captioned "Masters of Deceit." FCS:mcq

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Henry Holt and Company, Inc. • PUBLISHERS

383 MADISON AVENUE... NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 10, 1957

Mr. Clyde Tolson,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Room 5744  
Department of Justice Building,  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Clyde:

Thanks for the proofs, which are in the works. We will send the front matter in a few days. Please send the back matter to us when you can. We want to get the book in pages as soon as possible, for there is a great demand for proofs from the newspapers, etc.

Will you please also send back the manuscript, which we need for checking purposes.

Could you get Edgar to write out several signatures in india ink on white paper? We want it to make a die for the cover stamping.

My best,

Edgar T. Rigg

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*Memorandum  
James to Rigg  
and let E. Rigg  
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Communism in the United States

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Mr. Belmont	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

December 6, 1957

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Mr. Ed Rigg  
Henry Holt Publishing Company  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Rigg:

I have been informed that the Henry Holt Publishing Company is in the course of producing a textbook, of which Mr. J. Edgar Hoover is the author, for use in the public schools pointing out the fallacies of Communism.

At the recent meeting of The American Legion's National Executive Committee in November, the Legion went on record as supporting instruction in high schools exposing the fallacies of Communism.

I am now in the course of attempting to review textbook material which we could recommend to our various Departments of the Legion and would very much like to secure a galley of Mr. Hoover's book.

For your information, I am a retired Inspector of the FBI, in charge of all Counter-Subversive work for National Headquarters of The American Legion.

Sincerely yours,

LEE R. PERKINSON,  
Assistant Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Room 5744 12112, 1957

TO:

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Note and Return

Clyde Tolson

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December 13, 1957

Mr. Edgar T. Rigg  
President  
Henry Holt and Company, Inc.  
385 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, New York

Dear Ed: **RECORDED - 71**

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The remaining galley proofs, with our suggested changes, are being returned herewith. I am also enclosing the corresponding part of the manuscript.

Sincerely,

*Clyde*

Clyde Tolson

Enclosures

NOTE: See Jones to Nease memorandum dated 12-13-57 captioned "Masters of Deceit."

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nease *gn*

DATE: December 13, 1957

FROM : M. A. Jones *gn*

SUBJECT: MASTERS OF DECEIT

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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We have completed processing the galley proofs for the glossary, bibliography and table of dates. These can now be returned to Henry Holt along with the corresponding section of the publisher's original manuscript.

We have marked the suggested changes directly on the proofs. All of these are minor in nature. We have added some new material, such as the ouster of [REDACTED]. Also, we have made changes to conform with revisions made previously in the proofs returned last week.

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The Domestic Intelligence Division has read the galley proofs as well as seen all of our suggested changes. Likewise, Inspector William C. Sullivan has read the proofs.

A New York Agent, Thomas B. Coll, of the current In-Service Class ending today will carry the letter and enclosures to New York for delivery to Mr. Rigg. He will call for the package at Mr. Tolson's Office.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter, over Mr. Tolson's signature, be sent to Henry Holt. To be enclosed with the letter will be (1) the galley proofs for the glossary, bibliography and table of dates and (2) the corresponding part of the publisher's original manuscript.

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*Bring delivered by Sp. Agent Thomas Coll who is enroute to NYC tonight*  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 12/13/57

FROM : G. A. Nease

SUBJECT:

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For record purposes, SAC Milnes of Minneapolis, while discussing another matter, advised Mr. McGuire on the afternoon of December 12, 1957, that he had been talking with [redacted] of the St. Paul Pioneer Press regarding an item [redacted] had seen concerning the Director's new book, "Masters of Deceit," and [redacted] wondered if the book named names and gave specifics of communists and their activities in Minnesota, and if it didn't would the Director write a special piece about the current communists in Minnesota.

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Milnes advised he told [redacted] that this would not be possible; that the Director's book dealt with the strategies, maneuverings and theories proposed by the Communist Party in this country; and that it was more of a primer on communism rather than an expose of persons currently active in various sections of the United States in the Communist Party. He told [redacted] that it would be improper for the Director to write such a piece including one specifying the identities of all the communists in Minnesota. Milnes was told that this was correct.

Milnes was also advised that in the event [redacted] asked any additional questions regarding utilizing any of the book in the St. Paul Pioneer Press or raised questions regarding republication rights, syndication rights, or serialization to advise [redacted] that such matters should be directly taken up with Mr. Ed Rigg of the Henry Holt Company in New York.

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cc - Mr. Jones

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

KA TO : Mr. Nease

DATE: December 17, 1957

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: MASTERS OF DECEIT

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 Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

We have completed processing galley proofs for the "front matter" of the book, namely the title page, foreword and table of contents. These galleys can now be returned to Henry Holt along with the corresponding section of the publisher's original manuscript.

We have marked the suggested changes directly on the proofs. All of these are minor in nature. On page VII, pursuant to the suggestion of the Domestic Intelligence Division, we have added a brief paragraph urging that members of the Communist Party should read the book. It was felt that this would be of value and also connect with our chapter in the text on why communists break with the Party.

It is noticed that the foreword is not dated. Although the text has been written to make it as independent as possible of the time element, it is felt that a "cut off" date of 1957 would be advisable. This would show the reader that events occurring after that date obviously were not considered. Moreover, the date of 1957 would lend itself better to our discussion of many events than the publication date of 1958. Accordingly, (page VIII) we have added "December, 1957."

The Domestic Intelligence Division has read the galley proofs as well as seen all of our suggested changes. Likewise, Inspector William C. Sullivan has read the proofs.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter, over Mr. Tolson's signature, be sent to Henry Holt. To be enclosed with the letter will be (1) the galley proofs for the "front matter" (title page, foreword and table of contents) and (2) the corresponding part of the publisher's original manuscript.

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from EDGAR T. RIGG

*Mr. Tolson:*

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attached OK?*

*Ed*

*I think ok, providing we  
see what is to be used*

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HENRY HOLT AND COMPANY, INC.

383 Madison Avenue, New York 17, N.Y.



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**HENRY HOLT AND COMPANY**

INCORPORATED

**MEMORANDUM**

TO Mr. Rigg DATE 12/9/57  
FROM Maureen McManus (Holt publicity head)  
ABOUT MASTERS OF DECEIT

I received a call today from my [redacted] who is with the House Committee on UnAmerican Activities. She showed a copy of our release on the Hoover book to Mr. [redacted] counsel for committee, who is enormously interested in the book.

? | He has asked if there would be a possibility of getting page proofs when available. They are in the middle of a report on communism in America, and know that the book would be enormously helpful to them.

| They would undoubtedly like to quote from it, of giving full credit to the book, author and publisher. ||

I told my [redacted] that I would let her know as soon as I had word from you whether or not this would be agreeable.

| Needless to say, nothing would be used until after publication date.

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ENCLOSURE

December 20, 1957

AIRMAIL

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Mr.   
Post Office Box 3491  
Detroit 3, Michigan

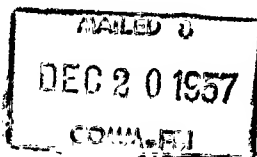
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Dear Mr.

Your letter postmarked December 9, 1957,  
with enclosures, has been received.

In response to your inquiry, please be advised  
that the book, "Masters of Deceit," will be released by Henry  
Holt and Company, Inc., New York, New York, its publishers,  
early next year. You probably will be able to secure a copy of  
it at that time from your local bookstores. The book will be  
sold at \$5.00 per copy.

Sincerely yours,



John Edgar Hoover  
Director

NOTE: Correspondent enclosed 2 3-cent stamps which are being utilized  
in forwarding acknowledgment since incoming was received by airmail.

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MAIL ROOM 550  
JAN 3 1958

TRUE COPY

Highland Park. Michigan  
December 7-1958

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director of FBI  
for  
United States of  
American

Dear Sir -

In my grit-paper dated December 8th 1957 I noticed  
that you have written a new Book Master of Deceit. Where may  
I buy this book What is the Price.

Thank you.

I am a US Postman in Detroit Mich

Yours Respectfully

/s/

[Redacted Signature]

Post Office Box 3491  
Detroit zone (3)  
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P. S. Stamps inclosed for your convience for relpy to my question  
Thank you.

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*[Handwritten signature]*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: 1/3/58

FROM : G. A. Nease

SUBJECT: "MASTERS OF DECEIT"

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 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Ogden Reid called from New York. He stated that he had been trying to reach the Director and the Director had tried to call him but they had not been able to make connections. He stated that he is very anxious to talk to the Director about the Director's new book, "Masters of Deceit." He stated there are certain things to consider in the syndication of the book; that before anything is settled with Henry Holt and Company he feels that there are a few matters he would like to speak to the Director about; and that they are interested in the syndication of the book with certain qualifications. He said he was most anxious to work something out to the advantage of the Bureau and the ~~company~~ *country*.

I told Mr. Reid I knew the Director had attempted to reach him just as soon as he had returned to the city but that as he could well imagine the Director has had numerous conferences and outside commitments awaiting him upon his return and unfortunately had been out of the office most of the time. He wanted to know if the Director would be in the city next week. I told him I did not know what the Director's commitments would be but that I would be glad to check and let him know, if possible. He stated he would appreciate this and if it were more convenient for the Director to call him over the week end he can be reached in the country, telephone White Plains 9-1291. I told him that his message would, of course, be called to the Director's attention at the earliest possible time.

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cc - Mr. Jones

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: December 26, 1957

FROM : G. A. NEASE

SUBJECT: MASTERS OF DECEIT

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 Boardman ☐  
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 Rosen ☐  
 Tamm ☐  
 Trotter ☐  
 Clayton ☐  
 Tele. Room ☐  
 Holloman ☐  
 Gandy ☐

Mr. [ ] of the manufacturing department of Henry Holt and Company called at my office this afternoon. He brought page proofs of the book. He hopes to release the book on March 10, 1958, which means that the book should be printed and bound by the middle of February allowing roughly four weeks for copies to be sent to book distributors throughout the country. We will now read the page proofs of the book which Mr. [ ] brought with him. We discussed a schedule whereby we will return the page proofs to him by January 7, 1958. We will then proceed to preparing the index and will plan to have a manuscript copy to him by January 13. Within a week he hopes to have page proofs of the index for us to check.

[ ] indicated that the page proofs, after they are returned to him, will be set up as plate proofs. He said that we were free to see these if we so desire but that it would mean postponing publication date for roughly a week or until March 17. In the Whitehead book we reviewed two sets of proofs namely the galley proofs and the plate proofs. In this book we have three stages of review, galley proofs, page proofs and plate proofs. I frankly do not see why we need to review the plate proofs in this instance, and unless advised to the contrary, we will not ask to see them.

Mr. [ ] discussed some ways we could be of assistance to him in preparing the index. He plans to have eight pages of index allowing roughly 770 lines. We plan to prepare our index so that it will fit into this space. Henry Holt and Company will discard the tentative index which was furnished them last August.

Mr. [ ] asked whether it would be agreeable to have the Director's written signature instead of his printed name at the end of the foreword. He said that he felt that this would make it look much better. I told him I was sure this would be satisfactory with the Director.

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HENRY HOLT AND COMPANY, INC. • Publishers

383 MADISON AVENUE...NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

GENERAL BOOKS  
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MAGAZINES

Trade Department

January 3, 1958

*File  
1-6*

Mr. Clyde A. Tolson  
Room 5744  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice Building  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tolson:

Mr. Rigg has asked me to send you the enclosed layout and copy for MASTERS OF DECEIT.

This advertisement is scheduled for the Publishers' Weekly on February 3. This publication reaches the entire book trade, including bookstores, salesmen and other publishing houses. The ad will serve as an advance announcement to the trade.

As you will see from the layout, this is to be an insert in the center of the magazine, with leaves that open up to reveal the huge spread about MASTERS OF DECEIT.

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We would appreciate it very much if you will kindly call Mr. Rigg early on Monday morning to give him any corrections, suggestions or comments you may have, so that we may put the ad through for production.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

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Sincerely,

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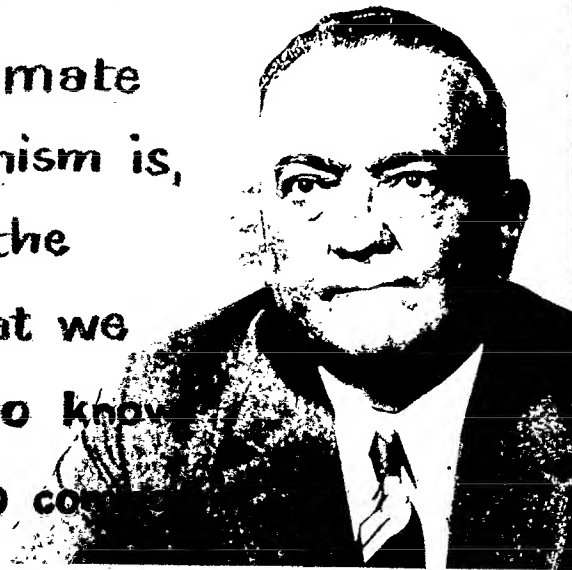
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to see the next page!

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nease *Jan 7*

FROM : M. A. Jones *MAJ*

SUBJECT: Masters of Deceit

DATE: January 6, 1958

Tolson \_\_\_\_\_

Nichols \_\_\_\_\_

Boardman \_\_\_\_\_

Belmont \_\_\_\_\_

Mohr \_\_\_\_\_

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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

On January 3, 1958, Mr. Edgar T. Rigg of Henry Holt and Company, Inc., called Mr. Tolson and advised he had placed in the mail a letter containing proposed phraseology for use in an advertisement for Publishers' Weekly dealing with captioned book.

Mr. Rigg desired that the Bureau look the phraseology over and clear it with him on Monday, January 6, 1958.

The material has arrived and has been reviewed. The advertisement will appear in the February 3, 1958, issue of Publishers' Weekly and indicates 60,000 copies of this book will be printed with \$25,000 allocated for initial advertising.

The general advertisement appears satisfactory. Included will be the contents of the book. It is noted that in the contents under Chapter 4, the dates 1919-21 have been omitted in the proposed advertisement. It is suggested that the full title of this chapter should be included and read as follows: How U. S. Communism Began, 1919-21. It is also noted that definite articles have not been initially capitalized in the proposed advertisement, and in Chapter 22, the word "you" is underlined. It is not felt that these minor variations are pertinent.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Mr. Rigg be telephonically contacted and advised that the proposed phraseology in the advertisement is satisfactory but that it is suggested the full title of Chapter 4, including the dates 1919-21, be utilized.

## Enclosures

cc - Mr. Nease

HEH:cag

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JAN 7 1958

*I will tell Rigg material is OK*

*CRIME RECORDS*

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

January 4, 1958

3:10 pm

[redacted] telephoned. He said one of the big merchandizing men in town had been talking with him about the new book which Mr. Hoover is bringing out, "Masters of Deceit" and he wanted to know whether Mr. Hoover will make any personal appearances in connection with the sale of the book, which he understands is to come out February 17th.

Mr. Tolson ☒  
Mr. Boardman ☐  
Mr. Belmont ☐  
Mr. Mohr ☐  
Mr. Nease ☒  
Mr. Parsons ☒  
Mr. Rosen ☐  
Mr. Tamm ☐  
Mr. Trotter ☒  
Mr. Jones ☒  
Mr. Clayton ☒  
Tele. Room ☐  
Holloman ☐  
Holmes ☐  
Gandy ☐

He said, of course, if Mr. Hoover is contemplating such appearance he wants to urge that he consider Kann's Store for this, in Washington. He said Kann's is pushing the book, naturally, and he is very much interested in it.

Mr. [redacted] was advised that so far as I know Mr. Hoover is not considering making any personal appearances to promote the sale of the book; that, of course, Mr. [redacted] desire will be conveyed to Mr. Hoover and he will appreciate very much Mr. [redacted] all.

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January 7, 1958

Mr. Edgar T. Nigg  
President  
Henry Holt and Company, Inc.  
333 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, New York

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Dear Ed:

The page proofs, with our suggested  
changes, are being returned herewith. I am also  
enclosing the galley proofs from which the page proofs  
were prepared.

Sincerely,

*Clyde Tolson*

Clyde Tolson

Enclosures

NOTE: See Jones to Nease memorandum dated 1/7/58 captioned  
"Masters of Deceit."

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MAIL ROOM ☐

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nease *my*

DATE: January 7, 1958

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: "Masters of Deceit"

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We have reviewed the page proofs of the "Masters of Deceit" and they are now ready for return to Henry Holt along with Holt's copy of the corrected galley's.

We have made a few changes, all of a minor nature. On page 183, we have made a change in paragraph 4, omitting material concerning an expelled member [ ] who was accused of dishonesty by the Party. It is felt that to repeat this charge made by the Daily Worker might be undesirable. In this space we have added material concerning [ ] No change in page sequence has been caused.

All these changes have been reviewed by the Domestic Intelligence Division.

RECOMMENDATION:

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That the attached letter over Mr. Tolson's signature be sent to Henry Holt, enclosing (1) corrected page proofs and (2) the galley proofs from which Henry Holt prepared the page proofs.

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January 13, 1958

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Mrs. [redacted]  
2002 Twelfth Street  
Brownwood, Texas

Dear Mrs. [redacted] Virginia

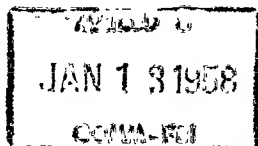
I have received your letter of January 4, 1958, with enclosure, and appreciate the interest which prompted you to communicate with me.

In response to your request, I am enclosing a copy of one of my recent articles. You may feel free to take quotes from this item for the paper you are preparing.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director



JAN 13 5 06 PM '58  
REC'D-READING ROOM  
FBI

**Enclosure**

God and Country or Communism?

NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information identifiable with correspondent.

Correspondent's enclosure of stamped self-addressed envelope being used in reply.

FBS:jcs

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MAIL ROOM ☐

62 JAN 20 1958

# HOWARD PAYNE COLLEGE

BROWNWOOD, TEXAS

Guy D. NEWMAN  
PRESIDENT

January 4, 1958

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I find myself at a loss relative to a club paper on "Resistance to Communism". I have your F.B.I. Story and was waiting for "Masters of Deceit", only to have a disappointing reply from Henry Holt that the book would not come out until March.

This subject is elusive under the ominous overtones of to-day's headlines.

Could you give me one or two sentences that could add weight to my conclusions? I need it for January 21.

My husband is on a college faculty and I feel that my talk will ultimately find a wider audience than the original group will provide. A chapel talk I am sure will develop.

Thanking you for assistance through a reply at your earliest convenience, I am

Gratefully

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*CP*  
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1/10/58

The following is the text of the layout which Henry Holt and Company will use for their major advertising for the book review supplements such as the New York Times, Herald Tribune, Chicago Tribune, etc.:

**KNOW THESE FACTS NOW - YOUR OWN FUTURE IS AT STAKE!**

Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation

J. EDGAR  
HOOVER

(Photograph of  
Mr. Hoover here)

the man who knows, reveals from more than forty years of  
intensive investigation the startling facts Americans do not know  
about the major menace of our time, communism - what it actually is,  
how it (and its agents) work, what its hidden aims are, the real  
dangers it poses to us, and what you must know now to protect yourself and  
your country. If you value your freedom, your way of life, this book will  
open your eyes. Get it, read it, and get your friends to read it.

**MASTERS**

(Picture of  
book here)

**OF DECEIT**

**THE STORY OF COMMUNISM IN AMERICA  
AND HOW TO FIGHT IT**

**AT ALL BOOKSTORES \$5.00 HENRY HOLT AND COMPANY, INC.**

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ENCLOSURE



**HENRY HOLT AND COMPANY, INC. • Publishers**

383 MADISON AVENUE... NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

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Mr. Tolson ✓  
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Mr. Mohr  
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Mr. Parsons  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Trotter  
Mr. Clayton  
Tele. Room  
Mr. Holloman  
Miss Gandy

Trade Department

January 9, 1958

Mr. Clyde A. Tolson  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Room 5744  
Department of Justice Building  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tolson:

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b7C

I am enclosing a rough layout which will indicate our copy approach on MASTERS OF DECEIT for our major advertising. This layout is suggested for the book review supplements -- the New York Times Book Review, Herald Tribune Book Review, Chicago Tribune, San Francisco, etc.

Please note this is not the finished art work on the photograph or the book. We would like to have your suggestions, comments, corrections and/or approval on the copy for this ad.

Mr. Rigg tells me that you are interested in advertising the book in various police media. If you wish us to prepare these ads, will you let us know if this copy approach will do, whether or not you wish us to prepare the ads, or whether you will adapt from our material. If you want us to handle it, I'd appreciate knowing the particulars as to the publications, and their sizes required for ads. We can have mats prepared, or send you proofs of any of the ads you receive from us, if you like.

I'll look forward to hearing from you, and thank you very much for your wonderful cooperation.

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Sincerely,



Advertising

3 JAN 14 1958

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January 13, 1958

Mr. Edgar T. ~~Higg~~  
President  
Henry ~~Holt~~ and Company, Inc.  
303 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, New York

Dear Ed:

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I am enclosing herewith the manuscript  
copy for the index.

Sincerely,

Clyde Tolson

Enclosure

NOTE: See Jones to Nease memorandum dated 1-10-58 captioned  
"Masters of Deceit." FCS:amg

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nease

DATE: January 10, 1958

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: MASTERS OF DECEIT

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We have completed the compilation of the material for the index. As you remember, the Henry Holt representative advised us that we could have a maximum of 770 lines (for a total index of eight pages). This meant we had to be very selective in our choice of material. Moreover, to make the index as valuable as possible we have indexed key communist terms, such as "democratic centralism," and also used cross references.

We have prepared the index in the manner suggested by Henry Holt; that is, placing our material in a four-inch column (which would be equivalent to one line of printed index). We now have a total of roughly 750 lines (allowing for space between the letters of the alphabet), or just about the allowable maximum. However, since we do not know exactly how our printed lines will measure to the printed version, we have marked a number of items with red pencil, indicating that, if cutting is needed, these can be deleted. This suggestion was made by Henry Holt. (The appropriate instructions have been marked on the manuscript copy). This gives us complete control over the final version.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter over Mr. Tolson's signature, along with the manuscript copy of the index, be sent to Henry Holt.

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January 15, 1958

Mr. Edgar T. Rigg  
President  
Henry Holt & Company, Inc.  
383 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, New York

Dear Ed:

In line with our recent conversation, I am enclosing a list of individuals (outside of the FBI) to whom Edgar plans to send autographed copies of 'Masters of Deceit'. This list is not all-inclusive but I think it will give you the information you need to avoid duplication in forwarding copies to persons in the publishing fields, newspaper fields, etc.

It looks like we will need between 550 to 600 copies of the book. I hope that this will not be too many to ask for, for the purpose which we have discussed.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Enclosure

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR

DATE: 1/9/58

FROM : CLYDE TOLSON

SUBJECT:

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Mr. Edgar T. ~~Rigg~~, of Henry Holt & Company, called. He is sending in a letter today a proposed advertisement layout for use in book sections of larger papers throughout the country for our approval. He indicated we could use the same theme if we like it in any law enforcement magazines which might use material pertaining to the book. I told him that I thought a simple and straightforward announcement would be suitable for such magazines as the IACP publication, etc.

Mr. Rigg stated that he let his own people think over the matter of the first printing order. He was quite pleased that all of them thought the original order should be increased to 75,000 copies.

Mr. Rigg stated that Brownie ~~Reid~~, of the New York Herald Tribune, called him and was quite upset that he did not get the syndication rights for the book. Mr. Rigg explained to him that in the light of Mr. Reid's statement that the book should be amplified by statements from Mr. Hoover with respect to Soviet espionage activities he, Rigg, decided not to go along with the Herald Tribune plan and that he, Rigg, accepted full responsibility for the decision to arrange for the syndication of the book through King Features.

With respect to photographs for use in the newspaper syndication, Mr. Rigg stated that King Features did not have any special ideas along this line except the possibility of some informal shots of Mr. Hoover. I am trying to ascertain whether we have any such photographs which could be forwarded to Mr. Rigg for King Features' use or whether we could refer them to pictures which may have been taken by outside concerns which could be secured by King Features.

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Mr. Rigg stated that he would appreciate it if in due time we would let him have a copy of the list of persons to whom autographed copies of the book would be sent by Mr. Hoover so that he would not duplicate sending the books to them. He had in mind particularly

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 Mr. Jones

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individuals in the newspaper reviewing and publishing field. I told him we would send him a copy of the proposed list in the near future. I explained to him that some of the persons on the list would not be in the newspaper field but that they would be interested in the book.

Mr. Rigg stated that the cloth cover of the book would be in dark maroon color with black and gold lettering. He thought we would be impressed by the cover.

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January 13, 1958

*Handwritten signature*

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Mr. Ogden R. Reid  
New York Herald Tribune  
230 West 41st Street  
New York, New York

Dear Brownie:

I have just received your note of January 9th concerning the book "Masters of Deceit." I wanted you to know that I did call Ed Rigg, of Henry Holt & Company, immediately following my telephonic conversation with you. However, we decided to adopt Ed's suggestion that the syndication of the book be handled by King Features.

I appreciate very much your suggestion concerning the matter of current Soviet espionage and I shall certainly keep it in mind. As you can well appreciate, however, it is very difficult for me to make any public statements on this topic since matters of this nature come largely within the jurisdiction of the Department of State.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,

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NEW YORK  
**Herald Tribune**  
230 WEST 41ST STREET, NEW YORK

January 9, 1958

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Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Nease	✓
Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Trotter	
Mr. Clayton	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

Dear Edgar:

I am in receipt of a letter from Ed Rigg indicating that a decision has been made to sell "Masters of Deceit" to King Features.

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*I did call Rigg*  
In my last conversation with you, I had been under the impression that you would call Ed direct and, equally, he indicated that he would call me before a final decision had been made. Mayhap it is a fait accompli at this point, but I had hoped we would have the opportunity to discuss the matter further before any decision was taken.

Mr. Rigg said that he had talked with Clyde Tolson and that Mr. Tolson had indicated on your behalf that you did not favor the possible consideration of adding supplemental material to the book for various reasons, including national security.

Whatever happens on this particular book and the syndication, I would certainly suggest that something positive be said about current Soviet espionage to counteract a growing complacency toward the Soviet conspiracy in this country. It had seemed to me at the time we talked that it might be logical for you in this book to do so.

Perhaps at a later date, you would be willing to work with the Herald Tribune on something in this area. While I have great admiration for [redacted] and Hearst in general, I feel it is not unimportant for material of this kind to reach a certain audience which, for one reason or another, may not always read the Hearst papers.

Best regards.

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Sincerely yours,

*Brown*

Ogden R. Reid

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR

DATE: 1/15/58

FROM : CLYDE TOLSON

SUBJECT: *Cm*

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Mr. Rigg, of Henry Holt & Company, called. He is sending down two copies of the condensed King Features syndication of the first three parts of the book. In other words, the first ~~two~~<sup>three</sup> installments which they propose to use in the syndication. They are rather anxious to get these promptly approved since they will send these first three installments to newspapers which they hope to interest in the syndication. I told Mr. Rigg we would check over the condensation as promptly as possible.

Mr. Rigg mentioned again photographs to be used with the syndicated material. I told him we were checking to see whether we had any photographs and that when we see what part of the book is used in the condensation we will see whether we have any photographs that can be submitted to him to deliver to [redacted] of King Features.

Mr. Rigg stated they were prepared to print the books as soon as we clear the page proofs of the index, which have just been delivered to my office. He thinks that the first books will be available to us about the middle of February.

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In response to an inquiry, I told him that the books which he is sending to us to be autographed by you will be mailed by us from Washington and he will not need to be concerned about them.

Mr. Rigg advised that he hoped to get away from New York next Monday. He will be at The Breakers at Palm Beach from January 24 to February 5. During his absence from New York Harry Shaw and [redacted] will keep in touch with the developments concerning the book.

cc Mr. Nease

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# Henry Holt and Company, Inc. • PUBLISHERS

383 MADISON AVENUE... NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 16, 1958

Mr. Clyde A. Tolson  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Room 5744  
Department of Justice Building  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Clyde:

*MASTERS OF DECEIT*

As per our telephone conversation yesterday, I think the letter that Mr. Hoover is going to send out with autographed copies of the book is a splendid letter. The release date is exceedingly important for newspaper people.

The list to whom you're going to send autographed copies has been received, and we are checking it immediately against our own list to eliminate any duplications.

Do not be concerned about the number of copies of the book you need for this purpose. We will be delighted to furnish them at our expense.

We hope to have bound copies ready by February 10th. We will ship six hundred copies to you directly from Kingsport Press, Kingsport, Tenn. Will you please give me the exact shipping address.

The article for The Investigator is very good. I am turning all the material over to Miss Maureen <sup>N.Y.</sup>McManus, our publicity manager, who will probably be in touch with you from time to time while I'm away.

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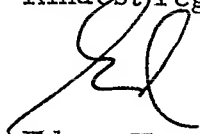
Mr. Clyde A. Tolson

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January 16, 1958

It is mighty nice of Edgar to offer to autograph copies of the book for some of our people here. They will all be delighted. I will send this list to you later on.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'ER' or 'E. R.', written in a cursive style.

Edgar T. Rigg

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Mr. Edgar C. Rigg  
President  
Henry Holt and Company, Inc.  
333 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, New York

Dear Ed:

I have received your letter of January 16,  
1958, requesting the exact shipping address for six hundred  
books you are sending directly to me from Kingsport Press,  
Kingsport, Tennessee.

These books should be sent to the following  
address:

Mr. Clyde A. Tolson  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Room 5744  
U. S. Department of Justice Building  
Washington 25, D. C.

Sincerely,

*Clyde A. Tolson*  
Clyde A. Tolson  
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cc - Mr. Tolson  
cc - Mr. Nease

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## "MASTERS OF DECEIT"

by J. Edgar Hoover

"Masters of Deceit" is an authoritative book on communism based on over 40 years of intensive study of this deadly menace by J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He sets forth, in simple and readable language, what communism is, its origins, how it operates, its dangers and most important--what the ordinary citizen can do to defeat it.

The book briefly discusses the origins of the international communist movement, tracing the influence in turn of such men as Karl Marx, Frederick Engels, V. I. Lenin and Joseph Stalin. It then tells how this alien doctrine was imported into America and how in 1919 the Communist Party, USA, was formed in Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Hoover tells of the early problems of the Communist Party and how, slowly but steadily, Moscow has shaped the movement to its liking. An important fact emphasized in the book is that even from its earliest days the American Communist Party was a creature of Moscow. This obedience to a foreign power remains today.

"Masters of Deceit" sketches how the Party, through the communist press, literature, and indoctrination, tries to create the revolutionary "man," the individual who will be obedient to Party discipline. It shows how

here, in our very midst, a Bolshevik mentality is being created for thousands of

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Party members--a mentality of complete loyalty to communism and Soviet Russia.

Chapters of the book tell how the communists operate mass agitation campaigns, infiltration techniques and fronts. Specific examples are given on just how the Party is able, time after time, to hoodwink innocent victims, making them unwittingly serve the Party cause. The operations of open and concealed members, as well as fellow travellers and sympathizers, are also discussed.

This is the type of book American citizens need to study in order to recognize the evil character of the enemy we face today. Mr. Hoover's book gives the reader the knowledge and inspiration needed to wage a relentless campaign against this atheistic enemy who would steal our freedoms.

The book will be released March 10, 1958, by the publisher, Henry Holt and Company, Inc., New York City.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: January 15, 1958

FROM : G. A. Nease

SUBJECT: "MASTERS OF DECEIT"

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 Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Attached hereto is a brief memorandum outlining the contents of the Director's new book "Masters of Deceit" which it would be well to furnish the National Catholic Welfare Conference News Service (NCWC News Service). Mr. McGuire of my office is intimately acquainted with Mr. Burke Walsh, editor of the NCWC News Service, and has advised me that Mr. Walsh has been most friendly to the Bureau down through the years and has from time to time rendered specific complimentary service to the Bureau. The NCWC News Service through its teletype and mailing news facilities covers almost 1,000 various Catholic publications in the United States, as well as magazines and journals in numerous other countries. Mr. McGuire suggests that he personally see Walsh and give him the attached outline of the Director's book and that consideration also be given to having Walsh arrange for the book, when it does come out, to be reviewed so that the Book Review Section of the NCWC News Service can have an additional book review of "Masters of Deceit" to offer through their facilities.

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cc - Mr. Jones

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR

DATE: December 5, 1957

FROM : CLYDE TOLSON

SUBJECT:

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 Gandy ☒

I talked to Mr. Ed Rigg, of Henry Holt and Company, and told him that we would like to have a number of copies of the book "Masters of Deceit" which would be autographed by you and sent to Editors, Commentators, Columnists and prominent persons. He stated he would be very happy to supply any number of copies of the book that we might want. I told him I thought 350 copies would be sufficient but that it might exceed this number and he indicated this would be entirely satisfactory.

I told Mr. Rigg that I would send him a list of the people to whom copies of the book were autographed and sent so that he would not duplicate sending books to the same people.

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*this will be submitted  
late in January for  
approval*

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383 MADISON AVENUE... NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 15, 1958

Mr. Clyde A. Tolson  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Room 5744  
Department of Justice Building  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Clyde:

*O*  
*MASTERS OF DECEIT*

Herewith are the first three installments of the  
proposed King Features syndication.

They would appreciate it very much if you could  
clear these as quickly as possible. Please send them  
back to my attention and we will go on from there.

Kindest regards,

*Edgar T. Rigg*  
Edgar T. Rigg

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January 17, 1958

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SPECIAL DELIVERY

Mr. Edgar T. Rigg  
President  
Henry Holt and Company, Inc.  
383 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, New York

Dear Ed:

The proofs of the King Features Syndicate  
articles are being returned herewith. They are satisfactory,  
although several minor suggested changes have been marked  
for your attention.

Sincerely,

Clyde Tolson

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nease

DATE: January 15, 1958

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: "MASTERS OF DECEIT"

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The page proofs of the index of the book were received from Henry Holt and Company today and have been proofread and the corrections marked thereon. Attached are letters transmitting corrected copies to Monotype Composition Corporation, Baltimore, and Henry Holt and Company.

RECOMMENDATION:

That attached letters be sent, transmitting copies of the corrected page proofs to Monotype Composition Corporation, Baltimore, and Henry Holt and Company.

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Mr. Harry Shaw  
c/o Mr. Edgar T. Rigg  
Henry Holt and Company, Inc.  
383 Madison Avenue  
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Shaw:

Enclosed are the corrected page  
proofs of the index for "Masters of Deceit."

Sincerely yours,

Clyde Tolson

Enclosure

NOTE: See M. A. Jones to Mr. Nease memo dated 1/15/58  
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